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~~Kenneth Giff~~

Wesley A. Swift

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Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

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☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David M. Hardy" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, extra file copies of the same document were not processed.

It is noted that even though cross-references exist in our records, the enclosed records contain a "correlation summary" (see 100-355454-35) which synthesizes information concerning the subject of your request in the numerous mentions or cross-references.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 17, 1948

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: KENNETH GOFF
PROFESSOR WESLEY SWIFT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On April 10, 1948, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on Friday, April 9, she attended a lecture at the Embassy Auditorium and heard two speakers, KENNETH GOFF and Professor WESLEY SWIFT. She said that at a secret session after the meeting GOFF reportedly advised [redacted] who resides at [redacted] that "May 1 was a very important day for Russia" and fire bombs would be dropped in the United States; that Los Angeles was a dangerous place in which to live. GOFF reportedly instructed [redacted] to leave the city for her safety.

[redacted] stated that in their speeches both GOFF and SWIFT gave general information on what to do when Russia strikes. Further, GOFF advised that three hundred Negroes had previously been sent to Russia and given sabotage training. According to [redacted] GOFF wrote a booklet entitled "Confessions of Stalin's Agents." This booklet reportedly relates how Stalin's agents will attempt to assassinate United States Senators. [redacted] stated she purchased two copies of the booklet and sent them to Senator KNOWLAND and Senator TAFT. It was stated that GOFF and SWIFT would appear in Oakland on April 14, 1948, on a speaking engagement.

For the information of the Bureau, the Los Angeles indices reflect that KENNETH GOFF was mentioned as a witness in the Dies Committee reports in January 1947 and that he lectures at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Sunday nights. GOFF claims to be formerly on the National Committee of the Young Communist League, and he apparently distributes leaflets in behalf of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Professor WESLEY SWIFT of Lancaster, California, reportedly is interested in Ku Klux Klan activity and he is also allegedly associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH.

This is being submitted for information purposes only.

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Honorable Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of
August 13, 1948, with enclosure, and want
to thank you for making this material
available to me. You may be sure that it
will receive appropriate attention.

With expressions of my highest
esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 13, 1948

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith is original letter

I have received from [redacted] Barcelona
Hotel, San Diego, California, which is, I believe,
self-explanatory.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leverett Saltonstall
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August 6, 1948.

My dear Mr. Saltonstall:

For some weeks I went to hear a Dr. Wesley Swift, son of a Methodist (!) minister, and a man who majored in ethnology but delving in the Bible in connection with this study, became forced to enter the ministry himself. He has been lecturing on the Prophecies of the Bible, and I, a staunch Episcopalian, found his knowledge fascinating.

His studies have shown him the trend of Communism in the world, and this country in particular. It is self-evident that he has private sources of information. It was at one of these lectures that a talk was given by that [redacted] whose leaflet I forwarded to you.

Because of his exposé of the plans and loyalties of the Reds, there came a time when I felt that it was unwise for me to attend. The very considerable Communist element here sent their emissaries and it appeared wiser for an unprotected woman not to become a marked one for vengeance later.

However, I have an idea that he might welcome an invitation to fly to Washington where any information he had could contribute to the project of exposing the Reds, a project in which he is a fearless and militant worker.

This bit is perhaps already known to you. If not you could verify it. [redacted] who opens the President's mail was [redacted] he was convicted and sentenced for sodomy before he changed his name. He was appointed by Mr. Roosevelt at the insistence of the Communist backing of Boston. When [redacted] talked before the Boston Forum his speeches were circulated in the Daily Worker and other Communist papers.

Whether this is of any value

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I do not know, but I happen to have been greatly disturbed by the Communist situation since I had membership many years ago in the Massachusetts Public Interests League, and was therein informed of their purposes. [redacted] gave us such vital information. Having studied Russian for the purpose of making her own translations of their papers and data, what she had to say bore the mark of authenticity.

Now, to digress, let me thank you for your very kind inquiry about my grandson's welfare in the army. Lt. [redacted] has now been ordered to Fort Knox Armored Force School for a five-months Comp. Tour of training and study.

As you cannot recall, he had only that recourse to win his permanent commission. This is the second of the Comp. Tours, but he did not "put in" for the one beginning last January. The reason being that he wanted to be with his wife during the months prior to the birth of their first child. [redacted] and I are going to have this wonderful experience together. I like him.

Now, as a reward from on high, he is to be in the branch of the service which he most desires, and after that period at Fort Knox will report at Camp Hood for duty.

This entire matter is to be preceded by a furlough in Pasadena with the family.

He is routed by air to Washington. Further I do not know.

I have taken the liberty of giving him a note of introduction to you, Mr. Saltonstall. He would only present it to pay his respects, and I feel that his modesty will prevent his even doing that. However, you have been so kind to me in regard to him that I would very much like to have you see and understand at a glance what I believe to be his worth.

Washington should buy "Air-wick" by the million gross to kill the fetid odors which have begun to rise. May they find and destroy all the rotten apples in the barrel. Forgive the vulgarity, but would you when we are dealing with the decay caused by the New Deal

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
[redacted] (Lt. [redacted] must not know I wrote to you about his matters in the past. Grandmother!

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: 11-9-50

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION OF ORGANIZATION OF GUN-OWNING
SPORTSMEN TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCE-
MENT AGENCIES AGAINST COMMUNISTS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dr. WESLEY SWIFT;
GERALD L. K. SMITH

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For the information of the Bureau and interested offices there is set forth verbatim below a report distributed by G-2, Sixth Army, at the Weekly Intelligence Conference on 11-9-50 at San Francisco.

"According to a report from Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, Los Angeles adherent of GERALD L. K. SMITH, has been attempting to form branches of an anti-Communist league in the Salt Lake City area. In a statement to the press, SWIFT urged the registration of all gun-owning sportsmen to form a group which could be called upon by local law enforcement agencies in the event of an uprising. SWIFT allegedly stated that this had been done in Los Angeles, California, and 20,000 sportsmen, under SWIFT's guidance, are registered and available for any emergency. No further information concerning this group of armed sportsmen is presently available. (B-2)"

G-2, Sixth Army stated it had no additional information and had contacted its Intelligence Field Office in Salt Lake City for a clarification or for any additional information available.

The Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Offices are requested to inform the Bureau of any information in their possession concerning this matter if they have not already done so, and if they are not in possession of any additional information, it is suggested that they contact the local Intelligence Field Office of CIC to determine the source and reliability of the information and whether, in fact, such activities are being undertaken.

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cc: Los Angeles (AMSD)
Salt Lake City (encl. 4)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

DATE: 11/17/50

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SPORTSMEN TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCE-
MENT AGENCIES AGAINST COMMUNISTS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dr. WESLEY SWIFT;
GERALD L. K. SMITH

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Re San Francisco letter to Bureau, 11/9/50.

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, there is no indication of any gun-owning sportsmen of the Salt Lake City area organizing to assist the police in the event of an uprising.

[redacted] Special Agent, CIC, U. S. Army, Fort Douglas, Utah, advised he supplied the information contained in referenced letter to his headquarters, G-2, Sixth Army, San Francisco, California, in October 1950, and that this information was obtained from the enclosed newspaper article printed in the October 19, 1950 issue of the Salt Lake City Tribune and reads as follows:

"Utahns could take a tip from Los Angeles—by organizing gun-owning sportsmen to cooperate with the local police forces in the event of war or enemy uprising, a top spokesman for American Anti-Communism league declared Wednesday night.

"Dr. Wesley Swift, Los Angeles, warned Salt Lakers in a special talk at the city and county building, "Get guns and be armed in your own homes."

"He told the Utahns, some 35 of them, that the Los Angeles chief of police asked him for such a force to assist during a war—and that 20,000 sportsmen are armed and ready for possible uprisings."

[redacted] had no other information relative to this matter.

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THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
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FORMATION OF ORGANIZATION OF
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AGENCIES AGAINST COMMUNISTS
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Dr. WESLEY SWIFT;
GERALD L. K. SMITH

Follow L. A. Lead, Utahns Urged By Anti-Red Aid

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 24, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF ORGANIZATION OF
GUN OWNING SPORTSMEN TO COOPERATE
WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
AGAINST COMMUNIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DR. WESLEY SWIFT
 GERALD L.K. SMITH

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/ Re San Francisco letter to the Director dated November 9, 1950.

[redacted] advised that they received information from Salt Lake City area that Dr. WESLEY SWIFT held a secret meeting in Salt Lake City on October 17, 1950, and an open meeting there on October 18, 1950. SWIFT attempted to organize a group of Sportsmen to a group known as the American Anti-Communist League. He allegedly stated during the open meeting there that the Chief of Police of Los Angeles was sponsoring such a group in Los Angeles, and now SWIFT had 20,000 Sportsmen under his guidance, and registered, and available for any emergency.

[redacted] stated that the Chief of Police was not sponsoring any Anti-Communist group, and to his knowledge SWIFT does not have any Los Angeles Sportsmen registered as an Anti-Communist group.

The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted] on October 18, 1950:

On Sunday, October 15, 1950 at a meeting held at the Friday Morning Club, 938 S. Figueroa St., above the Times Theater, Dr. WESLEY B. SWIFT made the statement to his group that he understood that they were going to fly the United Nations flag on the City Hall flagpole on Monday, October 16, 1950. Dr. SWIFT stated that he resented the flying of another flag in preference of the flag of our country. He reminded the group that the man instrumental in setting up the United Nations Charter was one ALGER HISS now a convicted perjurer, and that all good Americans should protest the flying of the United Nations flag mainly as a general protest of the idea inserted in the United Nations Charter by MR. HISS. At this time Dr. SWIFT suggested that it might be a good idea for some of our people to go down to the raising of the UN flag and carry American flags in protest.

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Approximately twenty-five to thirty women of this group did attend this function carrying American flags. Dr. WESLEY SWIFT is described by this informant as a Minister with the Congregational Church in Lancaster, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Big Bear, California. He has been closely identified with GERALD L.K. SMITH. At the present time, however, GERALD L.K. SMITH is in Washington D.C.

[redacted] of known reliability furnished the following information relative to Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT: SWIFT is the Organizer and Director of the California Anti-Communist League. His address is the California Anti-Communist League, Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, State Director, P.O. Box 931, Lancaster, California. SWIFT is the Minister of the Christian Church in Lancaster, and he is one who is responsible for sponsoring GERALD L.K. SMITH at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California on June 7th to 9th, 1949 under the auspices of the "Christian Nationalist Crusaders." SWIFT has appeared as a speaker at several rallies, and meetings held by GERALD L.K. SMITH in Los Angeles. SWIFT is the official speaker for the Great Pyramid Club, which was formed by SWIFT, [redacted] in the Los Angeles area in 1946.

SWIFT speaks once weekly at San Diego in connection with the Pyramid Club, according to this informant. SWIFT appeared as a speaker at the National Anglo-Israelite conference held on October 24, 1946 at the Embassy Auditorium. He appeared as a speaker at the second National Anglo-Israelite conference in March, 1947, and the third Anglo-Israelite conference in October, 1947. All conferences were held in Los Angeles. The tenor of the conferences was Anti-Semitism.

[redacted] on December 15, 1948 made available to the LA office a handbill advising of a meeting to be held by GERALD L.K. SMITH at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles at 8:00 PM on December 13, 1948. SMITH was listed as a leader of the Christian Nationalist Crusade. Dr. WESLEY SWIFT was billed as a speaker along with SMITH. The subject was "Can Christian America Survive the Red Plot and the Red Push?" or "Christ and his people versus Stalin and his plotters."

[redacted] on March 8, 1949 furnished the LA office with a handbill advising of a talk by DON LOHBECK, Editor of "The Cross and the Flag" (official organ of the Christian Nationalist Crusade) to be given on February 23 and 24, 1949 at the Embassy Auditorium. LOHBECK was billed as presented by GERALD L.K. SMITH. His topic was to be "Deadly Dangerous Truth for a Deadly Dangerous Hour." LOHBECK was also described as a member of the executive staff of the Eastern Hemisphere Committee against Communism. Dr. WESLEY SWIFT was billed as the well known Christian Nationalist who would present LOHBECK.

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The Los Angeles Examiner, dated April 6, 1946 contained an article entitled "Old Law Key to Klu Klux Klan Books" which reflected that Rev. LESLEY A. STIFT, Lancaster Minister had made four speeches on behalf of the Klu Klux Klan, and collected \$43.00 at lectures. STIFT told investigators from the office of the State Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY that the \$43.00 was for expenses, and that the "membership of the Klan is a closed proposition." STIFT, according to the article said he joined the Klu Klux Klan several years ago, and insisted that the burning of fiery crosses was not intended to intimidate anyone.

The above is furnished for information, and no further inquiry is contemplated unless advised otherwise.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-31-51

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau photostatic copies of clippings from the "Stanford Daily" (Stanford University students' paper) for the 22nd and 23rd of January, 1951, which clippings concern the above captioned individual.

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DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT—State director of California's Anti-Communist League. He will speak tonight at Palo Alto High School on the "Secret Government in America."

Dr. Swift to Discuss Secret Government

*Close Sponsors Paly High Talk;
ACLU Statement Hits Speaker*

By JOY HAAS

Dr. Wesley A. Swift, state director of California's Anti-Communist League, will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in the Palo Alto High School Auditorium under the sponsorship of Stanford student, Donald E. Close.

Close, a member of the Los Angeles Anti-Communist League, hit back at local criticism of Swift by saying, "Dr. Swift is the victim of an organized smear campaign."

The Executive Committee of the Stanford Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union prepared a statement this weekend calling attention to Swift's background. Their report stated:

THE STANFORD DAILY
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DONALD E. CLOSE—student sponsor of tonight's meeting.

"Mr. Swift is closely connected with Gerald L. K. Smith, well-known anti-Semite and leader of the hate-spreading 'Christian Nationalist Crusade,'

"Mr. Swift has admitted publicly his membership in the Ku Klux Klan, the anti-Negro, anti-Catholic organization well known for its burning crosses and white hoods.

"We do not question Mr. Swift's right to speak, but we feel that this information should be brought to the attention of the public."

According to Close, "The American Civil Liberties Union was cited in the Fifth Report of the California State Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist front organization.

"This group has attempted to perpetuate a campaign of malice and smear to destroy the reputation of an innocent man and a patriotic American," Close said.

Swift, who claims to have a D.D. degree from Columbia, received attention in Arnold Forster's "A Measure of Freedom," the Anti-Defamation League report published this year by Doubleday. According to this report:

"1949 was also a profitable year for Wesley Swift, the smooth-talking missionary for the 'Anglo-Saxon brand' of theology. The Reverend Mr. Swift contends that Anglo Saxons are the true descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and, therefore, entitled to be known as Israelite; the Jews are impostors.

"This nonsense was worth \$10,000 through such West Coast outfits as the Great Pyramid Club, the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation, and the Anglo-American Bible Study Group, all of them served by Swift as spiritual and financial leader. His meetings were well attended."

According to Close, Swift has just returned from Washington where he testified before the Un-American Activities Committee in support of a bill introduced by John F. Rankin (D., Miss.), calling for the outlawing of the Anti-Defamation League.

The Stanford sophomore arranged for Swift to speak in Palo Alto during Christmas vacation when he learned that Swift was coming to the Marines Auditorium in San Francisco on Jan. 23.

Close secured the Palo Alto High School auditorium under the provision of the State Educational Code which permits the use of state school facilities for political meetings if not in use by educational groups.

Palo Alto High School Business Manager H. F. Koenig said law prohibits investigation of speakers if proper arrangements are made for the use of the building.

The subject of Swift's address is "Secret Government in America." Close believes that he may discuss the appointment of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg to assistant secretary of defense, since he was an instrumental figure in obtaining an investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg.

Close will preside at the meeting and Rev. Charles R. Robertson, Los Angeles clergyman, will introduce Dr. Swift. Admission is free.

Questions, Jeers Rout Dr. Swift

By JOY HAAS

Dr. Wesley A. Swift, state director of the California Anti-Communist League, left the platform of the Palo Alto High School auditorium twice in one hour last night, the final time after students demanded that he answer their questions from the floor.

More than 400 Stanfordites swarmed into the auditorium to challenge Swift's statements about "The Secret Government of America."

As students successively hissed, heckled, and filed out (a few garbed in improvised Ku Klux Klan masks), Swift accused the crowd of being the "most discourteous" he had ever met. With that, he stalked off the stage.

The burly, explosive Swift charged the local American Civil Liberties Union, which prepared a statement this week exposing his Ku Klux Klan and anti-Semitic affiliations, with "seeing that wrong facts are sowed in this community."

Many local citizens condemned the student actions. Some of the comments overheard were:

"There's nothing funny about this. It is the most disgraceful thing I've ever heard."

"I'm not going to send my kids to college if that's the way they act."

When unfavorable student reaction drove Swift off the stage the first time, ACLU member and temporary junior Excom representative Dick O'Connell quieted the crowd and reminded them that Swift had a right to speak and receive courteous attention whether or not the audience agreed with his views.

Swift, who was sponsored by Stanford student Donald E. Close, returned to his podium, placed midway between the flag of the United States and the California state flag, and declined a student request to discuss Communist infiltrations into U.S. school systems.

However, Swift did say that he believed there were many social scientists and socialist planners planted in the schools.

"Get this if you don't get anything else," Swift said, shaking a fist at the audience. "20 per cent of the world's population, mostly of Christian nations, produces 83 per cent of the world's wealth. The nucleus of the 'secret government,' Felix Frankfurter, Henry Morgenthau, Senator Herbert Lehman, threatens to reduce us to 30 per cent of our present living standard in order to equalize this wealth over the world, Swift trumpeted.

A student interrupted Swift's allegations that the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods monetary agreements were entered into without the knowledge or consent of Congress. The student asked how it was possible for Congress to be kept in such ignorance if they had to appropriate all funds paid out of the Treasury.

Close came to the front and reminded the audience that questions were out of order for the meeting, and Swift's only answer before he left the stage for the last time was:

"Tonight we are talking about the Secret Government."

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GIVE HIM A CHANCE—After an audience-inspired exit by Dr. Wesley Swift and a recess during which the crowd milled about the stage, ASSU Excom member Dick O'Connell (at the podium) asked for quiet so the speaker could have another chance. In the background are student Donald Close, Swift and Rev. Charles R. Robertson. —Daily photo by Tom Peterson

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MEMO

from the desk of

3/28/51

TO: Louis B. Nichols
Assistant Director, FBI

Dear Lou:

Wesley Swift, whose reputation for telling whoppers is unimpeachable, told this one which may be of special interest to you. I quote it from a report from our L.A. office on a public meeting conducted by Swift in L.A. on December 29, 1950:

"Swift stated that the ^{L.A. Co}Masonic Order was holding a big meeting in Santa Paula, Calif. next Thursday and they expected an attendance of 400-500. Stated that in looking for a speaker, they asked an agent in charge of the FBI to address this gathering, but due to national conditions, he could not fill the engagement. That the agent suggested they (Masons) get Swift who the FBI considered an authority on un-American activities to be speaker. The Masonic Order approached Swift who told the group that if he accepted the engagement, he would tell them some shocking items. They replied that it was okay - we know what you stand for. Swift stated that this showed how powerful their movement was."

Sincerely -

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Anti-Defamation League
1003 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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With reference to your note of February 28,
we have checked with our office in Los Angeles. There
is no record in that office reflecting receipt of an
invitation to address a Masonic meeting in Santa Paula,
California, and certainly our office did not recommend
Mr. Wesley Swift for the assignment.

I wish you could find out what Lodge this
was and any other details which would pin point it.
We will be glad to have an Agent see the Master.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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PERSONAL ATTENTION, L. B. NICHOLS.

RE TELEPHONE CALL [REDACTED] THIS DATE RE SPEECH BEFORE SANTA PAULA
MASONIC GROUP DEC. TWENTYNINE LAST. NO RECORD THIS OFFICE OF INVITATION
TO SPEAK BEFORE THIS GROUP IN NINETEEN FIFTY. IF NAME OF INDIVIDUAL
EXTENDING INVITATION KNOWN, FURTHER CHECK WILL BE MADE, OR IF BUREAU
DESIRES, CONTACT WILL BE HAD IN SANTA PAULA WITH OFFICIALS OF MASONIC
GROUP FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING ALLEGED RECOMMENDATION OF WESLEY
C SWIFT TO SPEAK BEFORE THAT GROUP. POSITIVELY NO RECOMMENDATION WAS
MADE TO MASONIC GROUP IN QUESTION OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FOR WESLEY
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SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

WESLEY SWIFT

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The Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League received the following report from their Los Angeles representative regarding a public meeting at which Wesley Swift spoke on December 29, 1950:

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"Swift stated that the Masonic Order was holding a big meeting in Santa Paula, Calif. next Thursday and they expected an attendance of 400-500. Stated that in looking for a speaker, they asked an agent in charge of the FBI to address this gathering, but due to national conditions, he could not fill the engagement. That the agent suggested they (Masons) get Swift who the FBI considered an authority on un-American activities to be speaker. The Masonic Order approached Swift who told the group that if he accepted the engagement, he would tell them some shocking items. They replied that it was okay - we know what you stand for. Swift stated that this showed how powerful their movement was."

You will recall that an inquiry was directed to the Los Angeles Office under date of March 2nd and you replied that there was no record in your office of an invitation to speak before the Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, California. In checking back with the Anti-Defamation League representative in Washington, he advised there is only one Masonic Lodge in Santa Paula, and this is the one Swift was scheduled to address.

It is desired that some official of this lodge be contacted and informed that the Bureau did not recommend Swift to any one, would not recommend Swift to any one, and inquire as to the basis for the alleged report that the Bureau did make such a recommendation.

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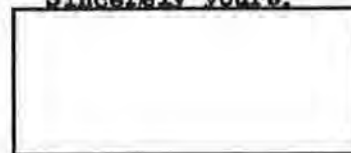
Dear Louis:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 3 concerning Wesley Swift and the Santa Paula Masonic Lodge. Our Los Angeles office tells me that there is only one lodge in that city - and that is the one that Swift was scheduled to address.

It would be helpful if the lodge master were given this additional evidence of Swift's irresponsibility. Incidentally, it was quite unnecessary to say that Swift was not recommended by the Bureau's California office.

With best wishes -

Sincerely yours,



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Anti-Defamation League
1003 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

You recall that you wrote me regarding an allegation that the FBI was supposed to have recommended Wesley Swift as a speaker at a Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, California.

We have checked into this matter further and according to [redacted] of the Lodge, he was told that Swift was a good speaker and he invited him to speak. He stated he hadn't extended an invitation to anyone in the Bureau to speak, he had not discussed this matter with anyone in the Bureau, and that the alleged report that the Bureau made a recommendation for a speaker was completely unfounded and false.

[redacted] stated he did receive a letter from your office in Los Angeles furnishing details on Swift and he immediately called Swift and cancelled the speaking engagement.

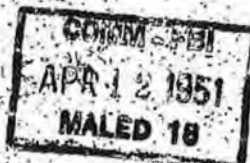
Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
 SUBJECT: WESLEY SWIFT

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 20, 1951 concerning an allegation made by the Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League that the Bureau had recommended WESLEY SWIFT as a speaker for the Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, California.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, an official of the Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, [redacted] has been contacted concerning this matter. He was informed that the Bureau did not recommend SWIFT to anyone and would not recommend him to anyone.

[redacted] stated at the outset that he personally, in conjunction with his program chairman, had made all arrangements in engaging SWIFT as a speaker for the Lodge and was absolutely certain that no prior attempt whatsoever was made to obtain a Bureau speaker. He advised that he was positive no recommendation had been solicited from the Bureau or any agent, that none had been made, and the alleged report that the Bureau did make such a recommendation was completely unfounded and false.

[redacted] explained that SWIFT's name, as a potential speaker for the Lodge, had been suggested to a member by an insurance broker from San Fernando, California, representing that SWIFT had the reputation in that area of being an excellent speaker for lodge and service groups.

[redacted] stated that SWIFT was called by long distance telephone sometime early in December of 1950 and that he accepted the invitation to speak at the Masonic Lodge in Santa Paula on January 4, 1951.

According to [redacted] the Lodge received a letter some five or six days later from the Anti-Defamation League at Los Angeles, California, which, in effect, set out that it was their understanding that SWIFT had been engaged by them as a speaker and that certain matters concerning SWIFT should be made known to them. This letter, according to [redacted] pointed out that SWIFT represented himself as Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, a minister from Lancaster, California and that SWIFT was not an ordained minister, was not a doctor, and was undesirable as a speaker for their group.

The letter mentioned was not immediately available but according to [redacted] considerable space was devoted therein in setting out that SWIFT was anti-Semitic, advocates discrimination, and was not a desirable public speaker for the Masonic Lodge.

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[redacted] further advised that following the receipt of the above mentioned letter, he decided it best to avoid a discussion of controversial matters and the speaking engagement was cancelled. SWIFT's office in Lancaster, California was called by telephone and the secretary there was advised that the speaking engagement should be cancelled, giving the excuse that the Lodge program in connection with installation of new officers would not afford sufficient time for a speaker and that the Masonic Lodge would reimburse SWIFT with any expense involved.

On the following day, according to [redacted] SWIFT personally telephoned the Lodge Program Chairman in Santa Paula and asked if the cancellation had been made as a result of a letter received from the Anti-Defamation League.

According to [redacted] the matter of the letter mentioned was avoided and the basis for the cancellation was again given as insufficient time for a speaker by reason of the installation of new officers.

[redacted] specifically pointed out that there could be absolutely no basis for a report that the Bureau or any agent recommended SWIFT stating that the entire matter had been handled without reference to the Bureau by way of letter or discussion of the matter with any Bureau agent.

In view of the foregoing, it is apparent that there has been no basis for the statements attributed to SWIFT concerning the Bureau's alleged recommendation of him as a speaker.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. REGIONAL OFFICE 1003 K STREET, N. W. (1)
EXECUTIVE 5288

April 16, 1951

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
 Assistant Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lou:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1951, concerning Wesley Swift's false claim that he had been recommended as a speaker by the FBI to the Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, California. We knew Swift's claim to be false on its face. But the FBI's report will serve to nail down another Swift misrepresentation.

I enclose an excerpt from a radio program Sunday Evening Club, April 8, 1951 over KFAC, Los Angeles, concerning "the FBI's release of information to the ADL."

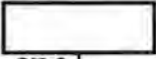
I would like to sit down with you toward the end of this week at your convenience to discuss developments with respect to the material we gave you on Robert Donner, etc. I'll call your office for an appointment.

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With best regards -

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DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT

Dr. Wesley A. Swift is a resident of Lancaster, California. He is pastor of the Christian Church of Lancaster, California, and Organizer and Director of the organization known as the California Anti-Communist League. The California Anti-Communist League, of which Rev. Swift is President, has no main function except to afford Rev. Swift an opportunity to spread his views. (100-7801-1401)

In June, 1945, Dr. Swift was reportedly organizing youth groups, the members of which would be under the control of the Ku Klux Klan without being aware of this fact. Dr. Swift, in August, 1945, was reported to have been admitted to the Ku Klux Klan at Eagle Rock, California.

Swift was reported to have 1,000 rifles hidden near Palmdale, California, and it was reported that any member of the Ku Klux Klan could purchase a rifle from Swift. (121-15851-15)

The "Los Angeles Examiner," on April 10, 1946, carried an article stating that Swift, Lancaster minister, and Ku Klux Klan lecturer, had walked out on California Attorney General Kenny when questioned concerning Ku Klux Klan activities. (121-15851-15)

The April 24, 1946, issue of the "Los Angeles Times" stated that Quo Warranto proceedings were filed as a result of the revival of Klan activities in Big Bear Valley, California, following an address by Rev. Wesley Swift, an admitted Klansman. The proceedings were filed to revoke the Klan's charter to do business in California. (121-15851-15)

Swift has been active in behalf of Gerald L. K. Smith and has made several speeches at meetings sponsored by Smith. Swift has traveled rather extensively during his association with Smith. His speeches during the meetings have been described as anti-Semitic, anti-Zionist and anti-Communist. Swift, in concert with Smith, attacked the United Nations (UN) claiming that UN employees were not Christian and that the UN was in the hands of the Communists. He has also been associated with Smith in the American Christian Nationalist Party.

The American Christian Nationalist Party was designated as an organization which has "adopted a policy of advocating or

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approving the use of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States," according to the Attorney General's letter to the Chairman of the Loyalty Review Board dated April 21, 1949. (62-23818-1093)

According to an article in "The Facts," a publication of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, dated September, 1946, Swift was a supporter of Smith and on one occasion Swift served as Smith's bodyguard. (94-37102-2 p. 7)

In 1949 several persons in the San Diego, California, area advised that Dr. Wesley Swift was the leader of a "British Israelism Organization" and conducted weekly meetings of the organization. The meetings were described as bitterly anti-Jewish. (121-18416-7)

An article in "The Washington Post," Washington, D. C., dated January 16, 1951, stated that Swift was affiliated with Gerald L. K. Smith in opposing the confirmation of Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense. (126-486-A)

The third report of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, made to the 57th California Legislature, Sacramento, California, in 1947, Page 360 stated, "Gerald L. K. Smith and his type of rabble-inciting crusaders do more for the Communist cause in one week than the Communists would be able to accomplish in one year...The average patriotic American Jew is offended and insulted in the attack upon the Jewish citizens even though the attack may be generally directed against Communists. It is the technique of a Hitler, mobilizing un-uniformed masses to a Nazi standard." (116-37072-5)

A delegation, known as the Citizens Congressional Committee, headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, was in Washington, D. C., June 27, 1953, to July 2, 1953, engaged in contacting United States Senators and Representatives and furnishing them with literature advocating the abolishing of the United Nations (UN). Swift spoke at a meeting conducted by this Committee and blamed the UN for putting the United States in the Korean War, and in not allowing McArthur to win it. (62-23818-1122)

Swift, in various meetings over the past few years, has made statements that the Negroes are actually the results of Negroes mixing with gorillas, that the Jews had control over the Catholic Church, and that it might be necessary to fight the Jews to move them from high places in the United States (from various "See" references)

A reliable source has advised that Swift is the official speaker for the Pyramid Club, an offshoot of the Ku Klux Klan. This same source stated that the organization functioning as the Ku Klux Klan in California has no official name as such, and has no connection with the Association of Georgia Klans. Swift is a member of the group but is not an official. The above information was furnished in 1949. [redacted] 100-7801-1000)

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In 1951 allegations were received that Swift had stated that the FBI recommended him as a speaker for the Masonic Lodge at Santa Paula, California. The FBI made no recommendations concerning Swift and the appropriate persons were so told. (100-355454)

In 1954 it was ascertained that Dr. Swift was a functionary in an organization named "Direct Credit" and was still an associate of Gerald L. K. Smith.

The Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(NOTE: File # 100-530-151 p. 55 was not reviewed inasmuch as it was on locate at the time of dictation. This summary does not include every reference to Swift. Many of the references have been grouped in order to show statements made by Swift.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *for 5/7/56*

DATE: May 4, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
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D.C.
 On the night of May 1, I received a call at home from [redacted] whom I knew as a boy over 30 years ago in San Diego, California. He said that he and a friend were in town for a few days and he would drop in to see me at the office on May 2. I have seen [redacted] perhaps twice in the last 25 years but understand he is in the construction business in San Diego. Last year he visited Washington with his son and they were afforded a tour of the Bureau which apparently impressed him considerably.

On May 2 [redacted] dropped in at the office, accompanied by Dr. W. A. Swift who stated he was a clergyman from Lancaster, California. I inquired what they were doing in Washington and they stated they were "attempting to save the Immigration Act" and give support to Congressmen fighting the anticommunist battle such as Senators Eastland, Jenner and McCarthy. I asked who they represented and they said they represented a combination of groups in California, including Gerald L. K. Smith's American Christian Nationalist Party. Dr. Swift carried the conversation and [redacted] appeared to be along for the ride.

It became immediately apparent that Dr. Swift was rabidly anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic. As a consequence my conversation with him was extremely guarded and, insofar as possible, the conversation was kept on trivialities such as the weather, etc. Subsequent to their departure, I checked and found that we have no record regarding [redacted] from California but that we have considerable information on Dr. Wesley A. Smith in Bureau file 100-355454 reflecting he has been reported to be connected with the Ku Klux Klan; with Gerald L. K. Smith, and bitterly anti-Jewish. During my brief discussion with him he appeared to be intemperate in his remarks and given to fanaticisms.

This memorandum is for record purposes.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

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DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT, INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY).

An airtel dated 6-14-56 from San Francisco states a security informant reported that on 5-22-56 Dr. Wesley A. Swift, speaking before Anglo Saxon Christian congregation, a rightist organization, 1449 Harrison Street, Oakland, California, where about seventy persons were in attendance said he had talked to an FBI official in Washington, D. C., who told him, Dr. Swift, that he, the official, was in full agreement with Dr. Swift and his associates.

Bureau files reflect that offices receiving this communication have pertinent background data concerning Dr. Swift who is a resident of Lancaster, California. The files also reflect that on 5-2-56 Dr. Swift called at the office of Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, accompanying one [redacted] whom Mr. Belmont had known as a boy over thirty years ago in San Diego, California. Dr. Swift and [redacted] stated, shortly after their arrival, that they were in Washington, D. C., on anticommunist matters inasmuch as they represented a combination of groups in California, including Gerald L. K. Smith's American Christian Nationalist Party. In view of this, Mr. Belmont's conversation was extremely guarded and, insofar as possible, the conversation was kept on trivialities. A review of the files did not disclose any information identifiable with [redacted]. The files disclosed that Dr. Swift has reportedly been connected with the Ku Klux Klan, with Gerald L. K. Smith, and that he is bitterly anti-Semitic.

Los Angeles Office is instructed to have two experienced and mature agents contact Dr. Swift as soon as possible. He should be informed that the contact is being made as the result of referral of information to the Bureau that while giving a talk on 5-22-56 before an organization at Oakland, California, he made a statement that an FBI official in Washington, D. C., with whom he had talked expressed full agreement with him and his associates.

He should be clearly informed that if he made such a statement the statement is completely erroneous and that as during his visit at Mr. Belmont's office on 5-2-56 with

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[redacted] no remark was made by Mr. Belmont indicating agreement with him, Dr. Swift, or his associates. It should be pointed out to him that the Bureau as a fact-gathering agency has always followed a strict policy of not making evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. He should be emphatically told, if the reported statement was made, to cease and desist from making such a statement and from involving the FBI in such a manner.

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The date and results of the contact should be furnished promptly to the Bureau.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman of 5-4-56 set out details of visit by Dr. Swift and [redacted] at Mr. Belmont's office.

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FBI

Date: 6/23/56 1:30

Transmit the following message via AIRTELAIRMAIL *mb*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454)

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FROM: FBI, LOS ANGELES (94-388)

RE: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
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Rebulet dated 6/20/56.

Dr. SWIFT was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at the Friday Morning Club, Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif., on 6/22/56. He was informed of the Bureau's strict policy involved and that the statement allegedly made by him was completely erroneous. He said that he is certain he made no such statement at any of his meetings and that, in fact, only a few intimate persons, [redacted] and his attorney, knew he met Mr. BELMONT in Washington. He said that he had accompanied [redacted] on a purely friendly visit to the office of Mr. BELMONT who at that time made it perfectly clear that because of his official status he could express no views whatever on political matters. He said that he has never desired to say anything that could in any way embarrass the FBI or any of its officials and that under the circumstances he could not have truthfully said anything (much less desired to) that would in any way embarrass Mr. BELMONT. He said that he has cooperated with the Internal Security Sub-Committee and some Government officials interested in keeping the United States "conservative" and that it is quite possible that some confused individual attending his meetings mistook his statements regarding such cooperation as applicable to the FBI. In conclusion, he offered his future assistance to the FBI whenever desired.

MALONE

- 3 Bureau (100-355454) (Registered) (Air Mail)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *JB 7/5/56*

DATE: July 3, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *JB*SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A SWIFT
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Los Angeles airtel dated 6-23-56 reports that on 6-22-56 Dr. Wesley A. Swift was interviewed by two of our agents in accordance with Bureau instructions and informed that when he visited my office no statement was made indicating I agreed with his views. Dr. Swift was contacted on basis of information received by San Francisco Office from a security informant that on 5-22-56 Dr. Swift, while speaking before a rightist group, remarked he had talked to an FBI official in Washington, D. C., who was in full agreement with his views.

Dr. Swift had visited my office on 5-2-56 accompanying one [redacted] whom I had known as a youth at San Diego about thirty years ago. When they told me they were in the city on anticommunist matters representing groups such as headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, my conversation was extremely guarded and, insofar as possible, kept on trivialities. Details of their visit were set out in my memorandum of 5-4-56.

Los Angeles airtel further reports Dr. Swift told the agents I had made it perfectly clear to him during his visit to my office that because of my official status, I could express no views whatever on political matters. Dr. Swift added he has never said I agreed with his views although he made statements, which may have been misconstrued by some listeners, that he has cooperated with a Congressional committee and some Government officials. He expressed regret that the incident arose.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Dr. Swift's explanation and the fact that he has been put on notice about the Bureau's views concerning statements involving the Bureau, no further action is recommended.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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LOS ANGELESFROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454) -16
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[redacted] DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Oklahoma City teletype 7/25/58.

Bufiles contain considerable information regarding Swift reflecting he is Minister of Christian Church, Lancaster, California; was organizer and director of California Anti-Communist League in 1950; has appeared as speaker at several rallies and meetings held by Gerald L. K. Smith and is associated under Smith in the Christian Nationalist Crusade; was a member of and made speeches on behalf of the Ku Klux Klan; and was leader of a "British Israelism Organization" described as bitterly anti-Jewish.

Bufiles also reflect [redacted] Oklahoma City, active in Christian Nationalist Crusade with Swift.

Bufiles reflect Swift has been prophesying a Russian invasion of the United States since 1948. Since the conversation between Swift and [redacted] appears typical of members of Christian Nationalist Crusade, no further action is necessary by Oklahoma City or Los Angeles. Christian Nationalist Crusade is subject of Internal Security - X investigation by Bureau, Los Angeles origin, Oklahoma City file 100-4921.

NOTE: See cover memo [redacted] to Mr. Belmont, same date, same caption. EBR:lmk

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URGENT 7-25-58 10-32 PM CST HRR

TO- DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM- SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY 2P

DR. WASLEY SWIFT, INFO CONCERNING

AT SIX P. M. JULY TWENTYFIVE, FIFTYEIGHT,

SUITS. PAREN PROTECT IDENTITY END PAREN,

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[REDACTED] COMPLAINANTS REQUESTS FOREGOING

BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE. OC TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
OC INDICIES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED] AND SWIFT. [REDACTED]

BEING INTERVIEWED. DISCREET INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] UACB, LA REQUESTED TO
SEARCH INDICES AND CONDUCT DISCREET BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
REGARDING DR. WASLEY SWIFT.

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WA 12-40 AM OK FBI WA BW

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URGENT 7-26-58 8-24PM PDST LZ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 3P

[REDACTED], DR. WESLEY SWIFT, INFORMATION CONCERNING. RE
OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JULY TWENTY FIVE
LAST. BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH SEVEN EIGHT ZERO ONE, LOS
ANGELES FILE SIXTY ONE DASH ONE FIVE SEVEN. LOS ANGELES LETTER TO
BUREAU DATED OCTOBER FOUR NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ENTITLED QUOTE
ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS, AKA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] FURNISHED

FOLLOWING ON AUGUST THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, RELATIVE TO DR.
SWIFT., SWIFT IS ORGANIZER AND DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA ANTI DASH COMMUNIST
LEAGUE AT EIGHT SIX TWO SOUTH FLOWER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
SWIFT IS OFFICIAL SPEAKER FOR THE PYRAMID CLUB AT SAME ADDRESS.
BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FIVE FIVE FOUR FIVE FOUR, REVEALS
DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT AS A RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. DR.
SWIFT ACCOMPANIED BY ONE [REDACTED] HAD INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT AT BUREAU MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX
WHILE COUPLE IN WASHINGTON ON ANTI DASH COMMUNIST MATTERS. SWIFT

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AND [] CLAIMED TO REPRESENT COMBINATION OF GROUPS IN CALIFORNIA INCLUDING GERALD L. K. SMITH-S AMERICAN NATIONALIST PARTY. ACCORDING TO BUREAU LETTER TO LOS ANGELES JUNE TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX, DR. SWIFT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE KU KLUX KLAN, GERALD L. K. SMITH, AND IS BITTERLY ANTI DASH SEMITIC. INFORMATION FROM RETIRED CAPTAIN [] LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, LANCASTER, OF APRIL TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DESCRIBES SWIFT AS A SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TO LANCASTER LEADING CITIZENS. APPARENTLY SWIFT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS BUT SOURCE UNKNOWN. [] DESCRIBED SWIFT AS ANTI DASH NEGRO AND ANTI DASH JEWISH BUT NOT COMMUNISTICALLY INCLINED. BUREAU FILE SIXTY TWO DASH FOUR THREE EIGHT ONE EIGHT, LOS ANGELES FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH SEVEN NINE FOUR FIVE, CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST PARTY, AKA., INTERNAL SECURITY DASH X. WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES MARCH TWELVE, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, REFLECTS SMITH WAS SPEAKER AT MEETING AT WASHINGTON CONGRESSIONAL HOTEL ON MARCH TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE. REFERRED IN SPEECH TO COMMUNISM IN PENTAGON, ATTACKED U.N., AND ADVOCATED WRITING CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS PROTESTING WORLD GOVERNMENT AND U.N. INQUIRY AT LANCASTER ON JULY TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, REVEALS DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, RESIDES FOUR FOUR SIX ONE SIX NORTH FIG STREET, LANCASTER, TELEPHONE

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WHITEHALL TWO ZERO ONE THREE ONE, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY FOUR YEARS, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, AND OCCUPATION MINISTER. SWIFT PURCHASED SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER, CALIBER UNKNOWN, SERIAL NUMBER ONE SEVEN ZERO ONE THREE FOUR, NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, FROM LANCASTER GUN SHOP. REVOLVER REGISTERED WITH LASO NO. EIGHT ONE FOUR ZERO NINE NINE. ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED REVEREND SWIFT HAS BEEN RESIDENT OF LANCASTER SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. SWIFT MINISTER OF LANCASTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ALTHOUGH LOCATION OF CHURCH FACILITIES UNKNOWN. SWIFT SEEMS TO HAVE PLENTY OF FUNDS AND REGULARLY BUYS NEW EXPENSIVE CARS ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SWIFT REPORTED TO HAVE WEEKLY LOS ANGELES RADIO PROGRAM ENTITLED QUOTE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST UNQUOTE AND ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE RELIGIOUS WORK IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

[REDACTED] MENTIONED SWIFT HAS CHAUFFEUR AND BODY GUARD NAMED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHO WAS REPORTEDLY FIRED MANY YEARS AGO OVER HIS AFFILIATION WITH SWIFT. LANCASTER LASO RECORDS NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY UNACQUAINTED WITH SWIFT BUT HAS HEARD SWIFT APPEARS TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS BUT DOUBTS IF MUCH OF HIS MONEY RECEIVED FROM MINISTERIAL POST IN LOCAL CHURCH. DR. SWIFT KNOWN TO BE CURRENTLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN GERALD L. K. SMITH-S ACTIVITIES.

END AND ACK PLS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Mr. A. H. Belmont *7-31-58*

DATE: 7-26-58

FROM SA [redacted]

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - [redacted]

SUBJECT [redacted]
DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles
7-25-58, furnished information obtained by [redacted]
[redacted] concerning [redacted]
Lancaster, California, on 7-25-58. Information furnished
Oklahoma City office by [redacted]

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reflecting he is Minister of Christian Church, Lancaster,
California; was organizer and director of California Anti-
Communist League in 1950; has appeared as speaker at several
rallies and meetings held by Gerald L. K. Smith and is
associated under Smith in the Christian Nationalist Crusade;
was a member of and made speeches on behalf of the Ku Klux Klan;
and was leader of a "British Israelism Organization" described
as bitterly anti-Jewish.

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Bufiles also reflect [redacted]
active in Christian Nationalist Crusade with Swift.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Swift has been prophesying a Russian invasion of the
United States since 1948. It would appear that the telephone
conversation overheard by the operator was typical of members of
the Christian Nationalist Crusade and has no particular significance.
The Christian Nationalist Crusade is the subject of an Internal
Security - X investigation. This organization, headed by Gerald L. K.
Smith is intensely anti-Semitic and anti-communist. The slogan of
the organization is "One Faith - One Race - One Nation."

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
Re:
Dr. Wesley A. Swift

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be transmitted to Oklahoma City and Los Angeles instructing that no further action is necessary with reference to this matter.

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URGENT 9-10-58 4-08PM MIC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 1P

UNSUB, DR. WESLEY SWIFT, ESP DASH X. RE BU TEL SEPT. NINE LAST.
DR. WESLEY SWIFT APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT,
RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, CALIF., SUBJECT BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH
THREE FIVE FIVE FOUR FIVE FOUR. SEE LOS ANGELES TEL JULY TWENTYSIX,
FIFTYEIGHT AND PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE THAT FILE FOR BACKGROUND AND
DESCRIPTION. PRETEXT INQUIRY AT RESIDENCE INDICATES SWIFT PRESENTLY
OUT OF TOWN. WITH ASSURANCE NO EMBARRASSMENT TO BUREAU MAIL COVER
PLACED ON SWIFT-S RESIDENCE AND PO BOX, LANCASTER. WILL ADVISE
DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 112202

UNSUB; DR. WESLEY SWIFT - ESPIONAGE X. REBURAD TO LA SEPTEMBER 9
 LAST. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO CASE ENTITLED DR.
 WESLEY SWIFT, INFO CONCERNING, WHEREIN SWIFT, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
 WITH CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL IS IDENTIFIED AS A MINISTER ACTIVE IN
 VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS PURPORTING TO BE ANTI COMMUNIST AND AN
 ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN GERALD L. K. SMITH'S ACTIVITIES. BUREAU
 AND LA WILL BE ADVISED OF SWIFT'S ACTIVITIES AT TULSA.

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Mr. Belmont

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably
 paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: September 16, 1958
To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: Chief, Security Division
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Dr. Wesley Swift
ESPIONAGE - X

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 8, 1958, captioned "Unknown Subject; Officer Connected with U.S. Army Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., Allegedly Supplying Information to Unauthorized Individual; Espionage - X."

Our source in this matter has advised that she has been told that the minister involved is Dr. Wesley Swift from California. The files of this Bureau reflect that sources who have furnished reliable information in the past have advised that Swift is a resident of Lancaster, California, where he has been the pastor of the Christian Church (denomination unknown); that he was the organizer and director of the California Anti-Communist League which had for its main purpose the furnishing to Dr. Swift an opportunity to spread his views; that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and made speeches in its behalf; that he has appeared as a speaker at various rallies and meetings sponsored by Gerald L. K. Smith and associated with Smith in the American Christian Nationalist Party; and that he was a leader of a "British Israelite Organization" described as bitterly anti-Semitic. It is noted that the Ku Klux Klan and the American Christian Nationalist Party were designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835 as organizations which have "Adopted a Policy of Advocating or Approving the Commission of Acts of Force and Violence to Deny Others Their Rights Under the Constitution of the United States."

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Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence

Inquiries made on September 10, 1958, at Dr. Swift's residence in Lancaster elicited the information that he was "out of town." In this regard, it has been reported that he in the very near future will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a "talk" presumably before a citizens council. This Bureau will endeavor to ascertain the activities of Dr. Swift while he is in Tulsa in an effort to determine whether the identity of the United States Army officer who reportedly is furnishing him intelligence information can be learned. In this regard, it would be most helpful if this Bureau was aware of the names of any United States Army Intelligence officers from the Washington, D. C., area who intended to be on furlough during the month of September, 1958, and who indicated that they would visit Oklahoma during this period. If it is possible for you to obtain this information, this Bureau would appreciate receiving same.

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NOTE: No direct request is being made of ACSI for the information set out in the last two sentences since it is realized that such a direct request would probably necessitate widespread checking with possible incomplete results.

[redacted] an unknown Army officer connected with U.S. Army Military Intelligence was supplying information [redacted]

[redacted] ACSI is now in possession of all information we have developed.

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Date: 9/19/58

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (65-1117)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Dr. WESLEY SWIFT
Officer Connected with U.S. Army
Military Intelligence, Washington, D.C.,
Allegedly Supplying Information to
Unauthorized Individual
ESPIONAGE - X

Re Bureau radiogram to LA 9/9/58.

[redacted] telephonically
volunteered information afternoon of 9/17/58, that
[redacted] in which Dr. Wesley
Swift appeared.

He presented her with his card, which
shows his name as Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, State Director,
California Anti-Communist League, P. O. Box 911, Lan-
caster, California. According to [redacted] upon completion
of talk, SWIFT scheduled to leave Oklahoma, itinerary
not mentioned.

No further inquiry being conducted at Okla-
homa City.

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MANSFIELD, Acting

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2 - Los Angeles RM
1 - Oklahoma City

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Approved: [Signature]
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URGENT 9-8-58 4-44 PM CST WSW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY, 2 P

UNSUB- OFFICER CONNECTED WITH U. S. ARMY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,
WASH., D. C., ALLEGEDLY SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO UNAUTHORIZED
INDIVIDUAL, ESPIONAGE DASH X, REBURAD SEPT. TWO, LAST.

[REDACTED] INFORMED AGENT AT TULSA THIS DATE [REDACTED]

IN

CONVERSATION WITH HER SHORTLY PRIOR TO AUG. TWENTYONE, LAST,
STATED THAT PERSON FROM COUNCIL IN TOUCH WITH UNSUB WAS A
DR. WESLEY SWIFT OF QUOTE CALIFORNIA END QUOTE. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY
DESCRIBED SWIFT AS ORDAINED MINISTER OF UNRECALLED DENOMINATION,
BUT WITHOUT A CHURCH AT PRESENT, AN ASTROLOGER WHO IS SHORT
IN STATURE, SPOKE FIVE LANGUAGES, WITH ENGLISH AS NATIVE
TONGUE, ALLEGEDLY RECEIVES AN ANNUITY THROUGH BEQUEST OF
DECEASED AUTO MANUFACTURER, HENRY FORD, , TO CARRY ON HIS QUOTE
WORK EN D QUOTE AND THAT UNIDENTIFIED ASSISTANT OF SWIFT ALSO
ALLEGEDLY NAMED IN THIS WILL OF FORD. [REDACTED] QUOTED AS
STATING SWIFT ALWAYS TRAVELS WITH BODY GUARD, NEVER

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OUT BUT HAS MEALS BROUGHT IN BECAUSE OF FEAR OF POISONING,
AND THAT SWIFT IS ALLEGEDLY AN ACQUAINTANCE OF A [REDACTED]
DESCRIBED AS RETIRED GEOLOGY PROFESSOR FROM TULSA UNIVERSITY,
TULSA, OKLA. [REDACTED] STATES OBSERVED LETTER AT HALL HOME POST
MARKED LOS ANGELES, CALIF, AND MARKED QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL END
QUOTE, WHICH [REDACTED] INDICATED WAS FROM SWIFT. [REDACTED] STATES
[REDACTED] DID NOT DISCLOSE RESIDENCE OF SWIFT, BUT THAT THEY
STATED IT WAS NOT IN TULSA AREA. [REDACTED] FURTHER QUOTED AS
SAYING SWIFT TO ARRIVE IN TULSA DURING NEXT WEEK OR TEN
DAYS FOR A QUOTE TALK END QUOTE, BUT THAT ONLY TICKET HOLDERS
CAN ATTEND TALK. [REDACTED] CLAIMS [REDACTED] SAID THEY ^{would} ~~WOD~~ ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN A TICKET FOR [REDACTED] SO LATTER CAN ATTEND THIS TALK.
REVIEW OF TULSA CITY DIRECTORIES FAILED TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ABOVE REFERRED TO. [REDACTED] INFORMED NO INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED RE CITIZENS COUNCIL BY BUREAU, AND NO FURTHER
EFFORTS WERE REQUESTED OF HER TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM
BUREAU.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB, DR. WESLEY SWIFT, ESPIONAGE DASH X. UNSUB, AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, WASHINGTON, D. C., ALLEGEDLY FURNISHING INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL ARMY INTELLIGENCE FILES TO SWIFT, DESCRIBED AS AN ORDAINED MINISTER WITHOUT A CHURCH ASSIGNMENT, DENOMINATION UNKNOWN; ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL; AN ASTROLOGER; SHORT IN STATURE; A LINGUIST SPEAKING FIVE LANGUAGES WITH ENGLISH AS NATIVE TONGUE; RECIPIENT OF ACTIVE HENRY FORD ANNUITY. SWIFT ALLEGEDLY ALWAYS TRAVELS WITH BODYGUARD AND PLANS TO BE IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, DURING NEXT TEN DAYS. FOR A "TALK." BUFILES BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE DATA RE SWIFT CONTAINED THEREIN. LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SWIFT. IF SUCCESSFUL PLACE MAIL COVER ON HIS RESIDENCE AND OFFICE PROVIDED YOU CAN ASSURE NO EMBARRASSMENT TO BUREAU

RADIO WILL RESULT. BUTEL DEVELOPMENT.

SEP 9 1958

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NOTE ON YELLOW:

We should not await results of our file search to send instant radiogram in view of the large number of references, approximately 100. LA and OC will be furnished results of this file review which is being expedited. (See note to SAC, Oklahoma City page 2)

JFW:jac Tulsa on 7-25-58

unknown Army officer connected with U. S. Army Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., was furnished information

Army was advised of this

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Radiogram to Los Angeles
Re: UNSUB, DR. WESLEY SWIFT
ESPIONAGE - X

NOTE ON YELLOW (continued):

by memo 8-8-58. Our informant has now furnished us the identity of the recipient of this intelligence data as indicated above. This information will be given to the Army by separate memo but in view of the seriousness of this matter, it is felt LA should at once attempt to identify ~~Swift~~. If this message fails to make radio contact with LA it should be sent by deferred teletype.

NOTE TO SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY:

Through established sources, endeavor to ascertain activities of ~~Swift~~ while he is in Tulsa. No active investigation desired.

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CK. 2302-2315 BY mpc

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SAC, Los Angeles (94-388)

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UNSUB;
DR. WESLEY SWIFT
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Reurmemo 10/14/58.

In view of its unproductiveness, it is not desired that the mail cover on subject Swift be renewed. It is requested, however, that you submit your recommendations as to an interview with Swift re the allegations in this case.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

A source of unknown reliability advised [redacted]
[redacted] an unknown Army officer connected with U. S. Army Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., was supplying info [redacted]

[redacted] The minister was subsequently identified as Swift. The mail cover on Swift was unproductive and to resolve the case an interview with Swift is indicated; however, in view of his background of anti-semitism activities and White Citizens Council association, it is believed the field office should have a chance to make a recommendation for the Bureau's consideration.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454)

DATE: 10/14/58

FROM : *teletype* SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)SUBJECT: UNSUB;
DR. WESLEY SWIFT
ESPIONAGE - X

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ReBulet to Los Angeles, 9/9/58, and Los Angeles
tel to Bureau, 9/10/58, advising of mail cover being placed
on subject SWIFT.

The only developed item of possible pertinence in
this matter is SWIFT's receipt of a communication postmarked
at Washington, D.C. on 10/3/58, bearing the return address of the
National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, 6,
D.C.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether it desires
the mail cover be renewed.

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1 - December 3, 1958

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UNSUB; Dr. Wesley Swift
ESPIONAGE - X

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Reurlet 11/10/58 requesting authorization for an
interview with Swift.

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It is desired that Swift be interviewed concerning
the allegation in the instant matter. This interview must be
conducted in accordance with existing instructions relating
to interviews with security subjects. If he admits receiving
information as alleged, every effort should be made to obtain
the identity of the officer furnishing such data to him; the
method by which he receives these data; sufficient identifying
data concerning the information and its classification so that
it may be located in Army files; an indication as to whether
or not he realized he was in violation of Federal law in
entering into such a scheme; and his disposition of the informa-
tion. It is noted that [redacted]
originally was advised by [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished information from an unknown officer con-
nected with U.S. Army military intelligence, Washington, D. C.;
that this officer [redacted]

[redacted] that the minister
in question was Swift. It is not believed necessary that
during the course of the interview with Swift the identities
of these persons need be made known.

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While it is believed necessary to interview Swift
for facts in the instant case, he should not be interrogated
concerning the bombings in the South since it appears clear,
from his background, that he is type of person not likely to
cooperate in furnishing data regarding bombings in South.

NOTE:

See cover memo [redacted] to Belmont re "Unknown Subject; Dr. Wesley
Swift, Espionage - X," dated December 2, 1958, JFW:jas.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454)

DATE: 11/10/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Dr. Wesley Swift
ESPIONAGE - XALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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ReBulet to Los Angeles dated 10/30/58, requesting
Los Angeles recommendation re interview with SWIFT concerning
the allegation in this case.

The following is submitted with view to obtaining
Bureau authority to interview SWIFT:

(1) Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, white, resides at
44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, and
is occupied as a Minister of the Lancaster Christian Church.

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(3) He has been "Chairman" of the "National
Legislative Committee" of GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian
Nationalist Crusade (CNC) for the past few years, which
simply means that he is an associate of SMITH and participates
in activities, usually public meetings, of the CNC. He
at one time was Klan leader in California.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Not applicable.

(7) Interview with SWIFT will possibly disclose
the identities of any Army contacts he has in Washington,
D. C. and thereby possibly resolve the allegation in this
matter that he has received information from Pentagon
files through an Army intelligence officer in Washington,
D. C. It is thought advisable moreover to interrogate
him for any information he has concerning the recent bombings
in the South.

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See note for Los Angeles

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~~That~~ Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If SWIFT is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, and complete background investigation as requested by Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions will be conducted and the Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with him as a PSI.

ADDITIONAL REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

To permit purposeful interrogation of SWIFT, in a discrete manner, the Bureau is requested to advise the Los Angeles Office of the circumstances under which the allegation arose and was brought to the Bureau's attention.

NOTE FOR LOS ANGELES:

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[redacted] receiving information from
an unknown officer connected with U.S. Army military in-
telligence. Washington, D. C. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] that the minister in
contact with the officer was Swift.

NOTE:

Re INTERROGATION CONCERNING bombings in South.
THIS WAS CLEARED WITH SUPERVISOR [redacted] Div. 6.,
WHO SAID IT WOULD BE PROPER.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 2, 1958

FROM :

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Room 4706

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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[redacted] receiving information from unknown officer connected
with U.S. Army military intelligence, Washington, D. C., [redacted][redacted] that minister was Swift.
Investigation has failed to reveal identity of officer and has not indicated Swift engaged in activities as related by [redacted] Los Angeles has requested authorization to interview Swift in order to resolve this matter as well as to obtain from him any information he has concerning recent bombings in South.

Bufiles reflect that Swift is a resident of Lancaster, California, where he has been pastor of the Christian Church (denomination unknown); that he was organizer and director of California Anti-Communist League, which had for main purpose the furnishing to Swift opportunity to spread his views; that he was member of Ku Klux Klan and made speeches in its behalf; that he has appeared as speaker at rallies and meetings sponsored by Gerald L. K. Smith and associated with Smith in American Christian Nationalist Party; that he was leader of a "British Israelism Organization" described as bitterly anti-Semitic. He was interviewed by Los Angeles Agents 6/22/56 as a result of his alleged statement at a club meeting in Los Angeles to effect that an FBI official in Washington, D. C., with whom he had talked expressed full agreement with him and his associates. Swift denied making such a statement. He was apparently cooperative at that time and offered his assistance to FBI whenever desired.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That Swift be interviewed to resolve the allegation in this matter that he had received information from Army intelligence officer.

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Memorandum Donahoe to Belmont
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Dr. Wesley Swift
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(2) While it is necessary to interview Swift for data re instant case, in view of his background it appears clear that he is type of person who is not likely to cooperate in furnishing data re bombings in the South. Hence, it is recommended that the interrogation of Swift not include questions concerning the bombings in the South.

A letter to Los Angeles is enclosed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454) DATE: December 29, 1958

FROM : *WJB* SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Dr. Wesley ^QSwift
ESPIONAGE - X

WJB ReBulet dated 12/3/58, authorizing interview with
SWIFT.

Difficulty has been experienced in effecting contact with SWIFT under circumstances suitable for interview. SWIFT is a very active man, maintaining congregations in both Lancaster and Los Angeles, California, and other speaking engagements. However, contact will be made with him at the earliest practicable time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 1/30/59	Active Period 0/58 - 1/29/59
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT; (TIN) UNKNOWN SUBJECT (Officer Connected with U. S. Army Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., Allegedly Supplying Information to Unauthorized Individual)		Report made by 	Typed By: nak
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS; ESPIONAGE - X	

The title of this report is marked "changed" to indicate the inclusion of the subject's full name as reflected in records mentioned herein.

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 9/9/58;
Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 9/10/58;
Oklahoma City radiogram to the Bureau dated 9/12/58;
Oklahoma City airtel to the Bureau dated 9/19/58;
Los Angeles letters to the Bureau dated 10/14/58,
11/10/58 and 12/29/58;
Army (Security Division) letter to the Bureau
dated 10/8/58;
Bureau letters to Los Angeles dated 10/30/58
and 12/3/58;
Bureau airtel to all SAC's dated 10/22/58 re
"Bombing Cases Having Apparent Racial or
Religious Bases."

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This matter has been handled in compliance with Bureau instructions set out in last referenced communication.

[redacted] has been established by SA [redacted]. A photograph of the subject is available (see file LA 100-7945A-201/209/211). SA [redacted] of the Lancaster Resident Agency is alternate agent in this case.

Consideration has been given to the use of "T" symbols in this report and they have been used only because circumstances require it.

[redacted] Mail Cover during
9/58-10/58 on subject

Instant report

[redacted]
(It is presumed that the Bureau will disseminate a copy of instant report to the Department of the Army at the Seat of Government in view of the allegation involving an unknown Army intelligence officer in the Washington, D. C., area.)

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COVER PAGE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: LOS ANGELES
Date: 1/30/59

File Number: Los Angeles 94-388

Bureau 100-355454

Title: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT (Officer Connected with U. S. Army
Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., Allegedly
Supplying Information to Unauthorized Individual)

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; ESPIONAGE - X

Synopsis: WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, resident of Lancaster, Calif.,
since 1939; reportedly Ku Klux Klan leader at Lancaster
in 1946; associate of [REDACTED]

following investigation of Klan activity; and admitted
associate in GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian Nationalist
Crusade. Upon interview in January, 1959, SWIFT denied
alleged receipt of information taken from U. S. Army
military intelligence files; stated he is an ordained
minister with congregations in Lancaster and Los Angeles,
California, and is frequent speaker before church groups
throughout California. Background and description set out.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is based upon an unconfirmed
allegation that the subject has received information taken
from United States Army military intelligence files.

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BACKGROUND

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Records of the Antelope Valley Credit Bureau, 205 West Avenue J, Lancaster, California, reviewed by SA [redacted] on November 28, 1958, disclose Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT resides at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, and formerly resided at 690 North 20th Street, Salem, Oregon, 1252 Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California; and in Randsburg, California. A report dated September 7, 1955 states SWIFT stated he came to Lancaster from Randsburg in 1939 after attempting to start a church in Palmdale, California. He took over a part of an already existing congregation in Lancaster and held meetings in a nearby rural area, later moving his quarters into town. Meanwhile, he worked part time for Western Auto Stores in Lancaster. In 1942, he left Lancaster and went to Oregon, but returned after six or more months and established the Anglo-Saxon Christian Church, of which he was pastor as of 1955. These records include newspaper clippings reflecting SWIFT, while sitting in his car with [redacted]

[redacted]

Records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Substation, Lancaster, California, checked by SA [redacted] on July 26, 1958, reflect Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT purchased a revolver on November 16, 1957 from a gun shop in Lancaster. These records describe SWIFT as white, male, American, 44 years old, 5'7" tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, minister.

The Lancaster-Palmdale City Directory for 1958 lists SWIFT as minister of the Lancaster Christian Church, residing with [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] furnished information to SA [redacted] on July 26, 1958 that SWIFT has been engaged in religious activities in the Lancaster and Los Angeles areas for some time. He said that SWIFT has a reputation for being anti-Semitic and anti-Negro and for having been at one time a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He added

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that SWIFT is an associate of one [redacted]

[redacted] in Los Angeles County because of his affiliation with SWIFT in the Klan.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office made available information on May 15, 1946 in which [redacted] was allegedly active in the Ku Klux Klan, having reportedly once given an application for membership in the Klan to another person.

An article in the Los Angeles newspaper "California Eagle," dated May 9, 1946, entitled "Ousta Deputy Linked to Klan," reported [redacted]

[redacted] for GERALD L. K. SMITH, America First leader, and a close associate of Reverend WESLEY A. SWIFT, recognized Klan leader at Lancaster."

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence by SA [redacted] on November 22, 1958 in connection with a fugitive investigation. During the interview, [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and added that SWIFT had been the subject of unfavorable comment ever since he began his "anti-Communist" activities about ten years before.

Miscellaneous

Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, checked on December 10, 1958, disclose SWIFT is the registered owner of the following vehicles:

1. 1958 (white) Chrysler four-door sedan, bearing California plates PJE 726;
2. 1958 (green) Dodge pickup truck, bearing California plates L32 551;
3. 1956 Willy sedan, bearing California plates B57 247 (1957 registration only, not registered in 1958).

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These records also reflect WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, was issued Operator's License Z637126.

INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

As set forth below, Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT was interviewed at his residence in Lancaster, California, on

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] furnished information from an unknown officer connected with United States Army military intelligence in Washington, D. C.,

[redacted] that the minister in question was SWIFT. [redacted] telephonically informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on September 17, 1958 that SWIFT appeared as a speaker at a meeting in Tulsa on September 17, 1958, on which occasion he identified himself as Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, State Director, California Anti-Communist League, P. O. Box 911, Lancaster, California.)

[redacted] furnished information during September and October, 1958 that SWIFT is not known to have had any contact during that time with any person in the Washington, D. C., area.

The Director, FBI, received information from the Department of the Army [redacted] Colonel, GS, Chief, Security Division), Washington, D. C., dated October 8, 1958, that no United States Army intelligence officers from the Washington, D. C., area are known to have visited Oklahoma on leave during September, 1958.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)

DATE: 1/30/59

Dictated: 1/28/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT (Officer Connected with
U. S. Army Military Intelligence,
Washington, D. C., Allegedly Supplying
Information to Unauthorized Individual)
RACIAL MATTERS; ESPIONAGE - X

Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his residence on January 22, 1959. SWIFT stated that he has never received information taken from United States Army files; that he has had no contact with any Army officer on active duty in the Washington, D. C., area; that he has not been in Washington, D. C., since February, 1958, when he and others associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC) presented a petition to Congressman WILLIAMS of Mississippi urging the impeachment of members of the United States Supreme Court. He stated that he was in Oklahoma five months ago, when he made speeches before meetings sponsored by "citizens councils"; that in his speeches there and elsewhere, he made no remark suggesting he ever received information from Army files; that he is acquainted with a few retired Army officers who, like himself, are engaged in "patriotic" activities, but that he has not quoted any one of them during the past year in a manner that would have led one to mistakenly think he was referring to information taken from military intelligence files. He said that he cannot understand anyone making such an allegation against him unless it be someone seeking to cause him trouble.

Concerning himself, he volunteered that besides his connection with the CNC, he is an ordained minister of the Christian Church and a former moderator for that church in the Southwest; and that he has his own congregations in Lancaster and Los Angeles and is a frequent speaker before church groups throughout California. He added that he is also the Director of the California Anti-Communist League, an outgrowth of the California Pastors Committee Against Communism, which was originally organized to apprise ministers of the danger of Communism and its inroads even into various churches; and that his appearances in connection with the California Anti-Communist League are likewise of a semireligious nature.

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He said that he has never wished to violate the law, obtain information from government files in a covert manner, or be associated with anyone who would. He exhibited his extensive library on theology, history and political science as an indication that (as he said) his library is sufficient for his purposes and that information from military intelligence files would be of no particular value to him.

[redacted] who has maintained an active interest for years in GERALD L. K. SMITH and his Christian Nationalist Crusade in view of the known anti-Semitic and racial segregationist character of his voluminous literature and his frequent meetings at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, stated on October 20, 1958 that SMITH and his associates, including the former California Klan leader, Reverend WESLEY SWIFT, have never committed themselves to a course of violence. He said that SMITH's organizations are not membership organizations, but only "paper" organizations which thrive on the sale of literature, almost entirely of SMITH's own production, and the contributions from his audiences at meetings and others who approve the tenor of his literature and accede to his frequent appeals for funds. (His Christian Nationalist Crusade, as a "national political committee," makes regular reports to Congress under the Corrupt Practices Act, listing the names of those who contribute over \$100.00.)

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SWIFT's description, obtained from records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, and confirmed by observation during interview with him on January 22, 1959, is as follows:

Name	WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
Citizenship	Native American
Birth Date	September 6, 1913
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Minister
Residence	44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California
Photograph	Available



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

January 30, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 94-388

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DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT (Officer Connected with
U. S. Army Military Intelligence,
Washington, D. C., Allegedly Supplying
Information to Unauthorized Individual)
RACIAL MATTERS; ESPIONAGE - X

[redacted] and [redacted] mentioned in
the report of SA [redacted] dated as above at
Los Angeles, have furnished reliable information in the past.

The foregoing information is being loaned to your
agency by the FBI and is not to be disseminated outside of
your agency without the approval of the FBI.

AGENCY ACSI, RAB
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Date: 9/21/62

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)
SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
RACIAL MATTERS

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On 9/21/62 [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically
contacted the Los Angeles Office.

[redacted] who described herself as a "white
Caucasian," stated that she had in the past attended a
meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian which held
meetings at the Hollywood Women's Club and whose pastor is
Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT. She stated that [redacted]
[redacted] at which Dr. SWIFT officiated because
[redacted] objected to "race hatred" statements of Dr. SWIFT.

[redacted] stated that she has learned that one
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[redacted] had contacted a representative of the above-
mentioned church informing this individual that [redacted]
[redacted] intended to attend a forthcoming meeting of this
church scheduled to be held at the Hollywood Women's Club
on Sunday, 9/23/62. [redacted] reportedly objected to
the racial discrimination voiced by Dr. SWIFT. The church
representative, according to [redacted] informed [redacted]
[redacted] that she would be denied admittance to the church
meeting, whereupon [redacted] reportedly replied that if

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she were denied admittance she would have the church group picketed by the NAACP. [redacted] stated that the church spokesman reportedly told [redacted] that if she appeared at the church on Sunday and created any disturbance, they would have her arrested for disturbing the peace. [redacted] stated [redacted] has advised that she is willing to go to jail for her beliefs in fighting racial discrimination.

[redacted] stated that she had advised the U. S. Attorney's Office of these facts and that she intended to furnish this information to the Los Angeles Police Department (which has investigative jurisdiction in Hollywood) and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

Los Angeles files do contain a newspaper clipping from "The Hollywood Reporter" dated 8/13/62 which states that a new Hollywood - Beverly Hills branch of the NAACP has been formed with [redacted]

The foregoing information has been furnished by this office to the Los Angeles Police Department, and the above is for the Bureau's information.

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May 21, 1963

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 16th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential and is available for official use only. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the individual about whom you asked.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a list of organizations designated as subversive by the Department of Justice under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Dr. Wesley Albert Swift is the subject of Bufile 100-355457. A Racial Matters; Espionage-X investigation was conducted in 1958-59.

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This investigation was based upon an unconfirmed allegation that Dr. Swift had received information taken from U. S. Army Military Intelligence files. Bufiles and our inquiries revealed that Dr. Swift had been a resident of Lancaster, California, since 1939. He was reportedly a Ku Klux Klan leader in 1946 and was an admitted associate of Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade. Dr. Swift is an ordained minister and is a frequent speaker before church groups throughout California. Reports containing the results of our inquiries were furnished to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

May 16, 1963

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have been attending the Hollywood Woman's Club on Friday evenings to hear Dr. Wesley Swift. He also has a group on Sundays in Lancaster, California.

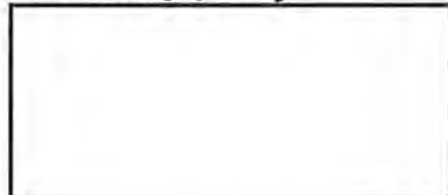
I had heard that he was a member of the National Crusade for Christians (also known as the Gerald L. K. Smith) organization.

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Was Dr. Swift a vice president of this subversive organization and is he still an active member?

Please send me a list of the subversive organizations.

Sincerely yours,



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355454)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-388)

RE: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth background information concerning WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT and a statement allegedly made by him indicating he is thinking in terms of violence against the Jews.

WILLIAM POTTER GALE stated when interviewed in December, 1962, that he is an assistant minister of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian and served under Dr. WESLEY SWIFT.

Birmingham refer to report of SA [redacted] dated 3/11/63 at Los Angeles entitled, "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY," Birmingham file 105-477, for additional background information concerning SWIFT.

Birmingham and Mobile are being furnished one copy of this airtel and one copy of the letterhead memorandum for information because of the activity of WILLIAM POTTER GALE in Alabama recently.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished the 115th INTC, U.S. Army, Region II, Pasadena, Calif.

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The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum

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which is being retained in Los Angeles file [REDACTED]

No further actions is being taken concerning this matter by Los Angeles.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
June 5, 1963

DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

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On November 16, 1962, Sgt. [] Detective Division, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO), Lancaster, California, substation, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, that WESLEY A. SWIFT shows his occupation as a minister and added that he preaches on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 N. La Brea, Los Angeles, California. He is also reported to have a radio broadcast over radio station XERB, 1090. He is reported to be anti-Semitic and anti-Negro.

According to [] SWIFT heads a group known as the British-Israel group which meets on Wednesday evening and on Sunday. He speaks on anti-Jewish and anti-Negro subjects at these meetings and encourages members to purchase guns in order that they will be ready to meet resistance. [] also reported that SWIFT had been trying to purchase a submachine gun but [] did not know whether he had been successful in this attempt.

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A description of SWIFT obtained from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, on January 22, 1959, shows that he is a white, male, born September 6, 1913, five feet seven inches tall, weighs 180 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. His address is shown as 44616 N. Fig Street, Lancaster, California.

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Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Rm.	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed, advised SA [redacted] the following information on 11/24/63.

Dr. WESLEY SWIFT (Bufile 100-355454), during sermon on 11/24/63 at the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, Lancaster, California, recalled to the approximate 100 individuals in attendance that on the first Sunday of January, 1963, he made a prophecy based on astrology that, "on 11/22/63 at 12:45 p.m. something drastic would happen to the Presidency of the U. S."

During this service, SWIFT further recalled other prophecies made on the same date pertaining to earthquakes which would happen during 1963 in various parts of the world and which, according to SWIFT did occur. However, he was not explicit regarding the earthquakes as he was regarding the prophecy relating to the Presidency of the U.S.

Source stated he attends SWIFT's services: 100-355454

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irregularly, but does recall having attended a service early in 1963 during which SWIFT made a prophecy relating to the Presidency, although he does not of his personal recollection recall the precise prophecy for 11/22/63 with reference to the Presidency.

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Source stated that at SWIFT's service on 11/24/63 he observed what he believed an individual taping SWIFT's sermon. Source felt that all SWIFT's sermons are taped and

Source stated that each year on the first Sunday of January, SWIFT through his astrological studies, makes prophecies of various events for the forthcoming year.

SWIFT's presence in Los Angeles was established on 11/22/63.

There is no information available to Los Angeles that SWIFT could reasonably have been associated in the assassination of President KENNEDY.

SWIFT is a member of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan and has associated with elements professing hatred toward Jews, Negroes, communists and communist front organizations.

It is felt that contact with SWIFT could be detrimental to Bureau's best interest, since in addition to his church following, he has radio broadcasting facilities at his disposal which he utilizes on a daily basis in the Southern California area.

SWIFT was interviewed by Bureau Agents in January, 1959 concerning alleged unauthorized receipt of information taken from U. S. Army Military Intelligence files. It is not felt that SWIFT should be interviewed until the tape of January, 1963 has been received and reviewed.

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Los Angeles will through above source attempt
to [redacted]
[redacted] and determine if SWIFT did make prophesy and
advise Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/10/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-711)

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
RACIAL MATTERS

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Mr. Conrad
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth pertinent information from a written report received from [redacted]

[redacted] who is the source referred to in the letterhead memorandum.

One copy of the letterhead memo is being furnished Charlotte for information because of the literature distributed at the meeting held by SWIFT, which emanated from [redacted]

[redacted] One piece of literature bears the designation at the top, [redacted]

[redacted] Across the top is printed, "The State and the Columbia Record-Columbia, S.C., Sunday, Nov. 3, 1963," which possibly indicates the name of the newspaper from which the article was taken.

The article shows that it was written by the Associated Press and bears a further caption, "Mrs. Nhu Calls Deaths, 'Murder,' Blaming U. S." The article refers to an appearance by Madam Nhu in Los Angeles, and another caption appears on the article, "Nobody Can Rule Viet Nam with Just Money, Puppets." At the bottom is printed, "Whoever Has the Americans as Allies Does Not Need Any Enemies."

A second piece of literature bears the name, [redacted]

[redacted] The caption at the top of this piece of literature reads, "South Viet-Nam--A Warning to the Nations of the World???" This article is critical of the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department.

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For the information of Charlotte, Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT describes himself as a Minister and the leader of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which meets at the Hollywood Women's Club, Los Angeles, California, usually on Friday nights and sometimes on Sunday. This church is not known to be affiliated with any other religious body. SWIFT is known to be a collector of firearms and is listed as a bomb suspect by the Los Angeles Office. Information has been reported about him to the effect that he makes anti-Negro and anti-Semitic remarks at his meetings.

This file in the Los Angeles Office concerning SWIFT is being closed, but information received about SWIFT will be reported under the appropriate caption.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
December 10, 1963

DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT

On November 29, 1963, a written report was received from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to the effect that he had arranged to obtain coverage of a meeting by Dr. SWIFT on the evening of November 22, 1963, which meeting was held at the Hollywood Women's Club.

The report reflects that Dr. SWIFT started his meeting with the story of how the assassination of President KENNEDY was part of a prophecy having to do with Uranus, and how this also was the same condition a century ago when Lincoln was shot. SWIFT said he had predicted in 1960 that President KENNEDY would not live to finish his term of office, which prediction was based on Bible prophecy and a study of cosmos, and that these prophecies had come true.

Dr. SWIFT is reported to have stated that because the Government was in the hands of and under the influence of Jews, the President had no protection. He added that if the investigators and the FBI had not harassed the patriots so much and had paid more attention to the communists, the assassination would not have happened.

SWIFT stated that President KENNEDY let the Cubans down, as well as the Hungarians and all the people behind the Iron Curtain, by his fraternizing with the communists.

Dr. SWIFT talked about the United Nations and their new policy concerning discrimination, which would prohibit him from restricting seats in his church to members

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of the congregation. He added that this is only the beginning and we had better arm ourselves against the invasion of the mongrel hordes.

SWIFT stated that the Jews are unhappy now because they are losing their influence in the White House; namely, the [redacted] all of whom are going to be out because of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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SWIFT stated that the death of President DIEM in Viet Nam was as great a blow to the people of that country as the assassination of President KENNEDY to the United States, and that this country had done nothing to preserve the rulers of that country. He commented that the people of the United States were greatly influenced by the KENNEDY image, but for all that we knew he was under hypnosis or had lobotomy.

The report also reflects that a meeting was held by SWIFT on Sunday, November 24, 1963, at 3:00 PM, at which he spoke on the President's assassination by a communist, who in turn was assassinated by a Jew gangster from Chicago. He also commented to the effect that the FBI was trying to "pin the assassination on the right-wing element while they should have been keeping a closer surveillance on those known to be opposed to the Government of the United States."

SWIFT criticized the stand of President KENNEDY during the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and blamed the loss of lives on our not sending troops and planes to support the invasion. He was also critical of the bad treatment of Madam NHU by the United States Government. He stated that Madam NHU represented the Christian element and that the U. S. Government had supported the heathen element.

SWIFT was critical of the talk by Chief Justice WARREN at the funeral of President KENNEDY and stated in effect that Justice WARREN's statements were traitorous. He also made the observation that some people might think it inappropriate to speak of such things on the eve of President KENNEDY's funeral, but stated he thought they should be spoken about because of the emotional state of

DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT

the nation, which might lead to the passage of many things which President KENNEDY advocated, which he, SWIFT, thought were bad. He added that it was incumbent upon people such as those present to prevent the passage of these measures.

SWIFT spoke of the right wing and stated that an attempt was to be made to frame those of the extreme right by planting a bomb in a synagogue and blaming it on "right-wingers."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1-3-64

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-438)

SUBJECT: Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 12-10-63, in
which reference is made to publications distributed by SWIFT,
and reportedly originating from [redacted]

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In order that correct indexing may be made by the
Bureau and Los Angeles, it is pointed out that review of the
material, copies of which were furnished to Charlotte by
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 2nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding Dr. Wesley A. Swift, as I advised you on June 1, 1960, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the person you named. It is suggested that you may wish to direct inquiry to the Chamber of Commerce in Lancaster, California, for any assistance it is in a position to offer you.

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Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: One prior letter has been received from [Redacted] dated 5/23/60 in which he made inquiry regarding Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade. A reply along much the same lines as above was sent him on 6/1/60 (62-43818-1378).

Dr. Wesley A. Swift is subject of Bufile 100-355454. He is listed as a bomb suspect by the Los Angeles Office and is well-known to the Bureau for his anti-Negro and anti-Semitic remarks. He describes himself as a minister but his Church of Jesus Christ is not known to be affiliated with any other religious body. Los Angeles informed on 11/25/63 that Dr. Swift, during a sermon on 11/24/63, recalled to the persons in attendance that on the first Sunday of January, 1963, he made a prophesy based on astrology that "on

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11/22/63 at 12:45 p. m. something drastic would happen to the Presidency of the U.S." Los Angeles' source was under the impression that Dr. Swift's sermons were always taped [redacted]

[redacted] No later related references in Dr. Swift's file.]

The telephone directory for Lancaster, California, does not indicate there is a Better Business Bureau in that city; however, there is an entry for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

2 January 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Is there any available information
for public consumption and publication on
Dr. Wesley A. Swift. P. O. Box 911, Lancaster,
California, of the Church of Jesus Christ,
Christian, who according to his followers
Predicted within minutes the time that
the Assassination of our late President
Kennedy would take place? If you have
nothing on this organization in your file,
is it one our government is watching? Would
the Better Business Bureau have a report
available?

Thank you for any information available
on this outfit; if best I contact senator or
Representative say so

Very Truly Yours,

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WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, aka
Dr. Wesley A. Swift,
Wesley Swift, Dr. Swift

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RE: WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, aka

On July 24, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that SWIFT held a meeting on June 14, 1963, at the Hollywood Women's Club, at which he stated in substance that it was God's will that the Negro and the anti-Christ be segregated and contained and even destroyed if necessary by God's chosen people. He further added that we must defend ourselves against this evil, " - - - even if we have to take up arms and make their blood run in the streets."

On October 21, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in substance that on October 19, 1963, SWIFT conducted a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in the Lancaster, California, area at which he stated their purpose was to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. SWIFT stated that the persons in the room must be willing to die before they would reveal any secrets of the KKK and if any members were found to be informing on them, he would be tried by a tribunal of the Klan and punished so that he would not be able to reveal secrets again.

Source, who furnished this information, stated that he observed two men at the house where this meeting took place who were carrying automatic shotguns and it was apparent that they had been on guard outside the house in order to prevent any intrusions. It was stated that these men had a machine gun set up outside the house but this was not verified.

On November 24, 1963, a second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in substance that he had heard SWIFT and his associates discuss in general terms the fact that authorities in our country might have to be eliminated to further the goals of the KKK, but these statements were made in very general terms and SWIFT is said to have always interjected the idea that "God will take care of those who must be eliminated". This source also stated he had heard of a "list" of people mentioned who were to be eliminated throughout the United States, but source had never seen the list and pointed out that all references to such list were very general.

RE: WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, aka

On November 24, 1963, SWIFT made the statement that the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY was "God's will" and that he had predicted at his church service on the first Sunday of January, 1963, that on November 22, 1963, at 12:45 p.m., "something drastic would happen to the President of the United States."

On November 14, 1962, information was received from the U.S. Attorney's Office, San Francisco, California, that information had been received that SWIFT has openly made statements that he plans to organize a resistance movement consisting of approximately 100 men who will be prepared to resist U.S. Marshals attempting to enforce integration in Alabama and other areas.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SWIFT spoke on behalf of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) (See Appendix) on September 14, 1962, at St. Petersburg, Florida. On this occasion he advocated impeachment of the President of the United States and members of the United States Supreme Court. He spoke against the United Nations and the Jewish and Negro races in general.

On January 7, 1964, a fourth source, who has furnished reliable information, and in addition has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, advised that on January 4, 1964, at a meeting in Miami, Florida, an associate of SWIFT stated, "There will have to be some killing in 1964 and Doctor SWIFT will be out in the street when the time comes." There was no elaboration on who would have to be killed.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in November 26, 1957 issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958 issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party," reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

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On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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Date: 2/17/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-711)
SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a one page letterhead memorandum for the Bureau setting forth the statement made by SWIFT at a meeting on January 24, 1964, pertaining to the FBI.

No dissemination of the letterhead memorandum is being made by Los Angeles.

SWIFT is not being investigated by this office but information received concerning him has been reported in Los Angeles file 157-712 and related files. No action is being taken by Los Angeles concerning this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

February 17, 1964

DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT

On February 12, 1964, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Swift spoke at a meeting on January 24, 1964, at the Hollywood Women's Club, Los Angeles, California, and referred to the assassination to John F. Kennedy, former President of the United States.

Swift allegedly stated at this meeting, "... that the FBI men are attending churches like Wesley Swift's to find out what criticisms are made of the administration, ..." and "... there is probably a FBI man in this audience, if there is, let me tell him that if they didn't snoop around church and had done a better job guarding the President he would still be alive."

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 24, 1965

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[redacted] recently made available the attached tape recording which consists of a speech made by Dr. Wesley Albert Swift on 2/28/65.

Bufiles disclose that Dr. Swift is the pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, Lancaster, California. He is rabidly anti-Negro, anti-Semitic and anticommunist. He has accused the FBI of harassing the "patriots" and not paying sufficient attention to the communists.

The attached tape recording has been reviewed. It consists of a talk by Dr. Swift entitled "The Terror That Cometh by Night" and contains the usual rabid anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, anticommunist statements. Dr. Swift alleged that the civil rights movement is communist inspired and controlled. He remarked that if the FBI would send its representatives to his church, the FBI would soon learn that the communists are in back of the civil rights movement.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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File 5-CDB
"ENCLOSURE ON BULKY RAMP"
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CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File: 100-355454

Date: 6-1-65

Subject: Dr. Wesley Albert Swift

Date Searched: 10/26/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched
and identical references were found as:

Dr. Wesley Albert Swift
One Swift
W. A. Swift
W. A. Swift
Wesley Swift

Wesley Swift
Wesley A. Swift
Wesley B. Swift
Wesley J. Swift
Wesley Swift

See serial
B-9-6-13

Place - Not shown

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names
containing data identical with the subject have been included except
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the
information set out in each reference. In many cases the original
serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

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ABBREVIATIONS

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Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Dr. Wesley Albert Swift may be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

ANP.....American Nazi Party

CDL.....Christian Defense League

CKIE.....Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire

CNC.....Christian Nationalist Crusade

KKK.....Ku Klux Klan

NSRP.....National States Rights Party

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RELATIVE WHO HAS BUREAU MAIN FILE

The relationship, biographical data and KKK activities of Dr. Wesley Swift were set forth in serial 1 of the main file on his son-in-law, Shreve Merritt Nielsen as follows:

Reference

157-1623-1 p.1,3,6,7,10-12

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A Weekly Summary Intelligence report for the period 9/29/45 to 10/6/45, revealed that Gerald L. K. Smith was to speak on 10/4/45 at the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri. Other speakers at this meeting were to include Wesley A. Swift who was to speak on "Christian Nationalism, America's Hope." (MIS, Omaha, Nebraska)

100-7660-3440 p.2
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Detectives of the Hollywood Substation, Los Angeles PD, reported that four revolvers were purchased by Reverend Wesley Swift on 10/31/45 and November 6, 7, 1945, at a gun store on 6032 Hollywood CALIF Boulevard, Los Angeles, but that Swift's gun permits had been revoked.

[redacted] advised that he met [redacted] at which time [redacted] his California ranch. [redacted] worked on the ranch from 1/6/46 to 2/11/46. During this time Swift was a frequent visitor at the [redacted] ranch. Several times a deputy sheriff at Lancaster, California accompanied Swift to [redacted] home. [redacted] and Swift engaged in target practice with firearms at the ranch. [redacted] left the ranch without [redacted] knowledge after Swift had been exposed as a former KKK leader (Details set out).

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[redacted] deputy sheriff, advised that Deputy Sheriff [redacted] was an intimate friend of Swift's; further, that [redacted] had purchased property for the church* at Lancaster and also a \$9000 home for [redacted] as well as a home for Swift. (Date not given)

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*Possibly Swift's Christian Fellowship Church.

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An article appeared in the 4/11/46, edition of the "Los Angeles Sentinel" entitled "KKK Menaces Negro Homes." The article stated in part that the KKK had been revived at Big Bear Lake, a mountain resort town in the San Bernardino County, and that AG Robert W. Kenny, of California, reportedly stated that [redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, would bear watching for his alleged KKK affiliation. According to the article, [redacted] allegedly admitted he was a close associate of Dr. Wesley Swift, Klan leader for a number of years, but [redacted] had denied Klan membership.

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An article appeared in the "Los Angeles Tribune," dated 4/20/46, captioned "Actor Joins War on Klan; Asks Damages." The article stated in part that Swift was questioned by the American Legion concerning his activities in the KKK, at which time Swift stated that he would grant the Negro his right as an American citizen, but he also stated that the Negro should not be allowed to intermarry in the white race and should be kept in his rightful place.

100-135-26-184 p.5,7
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A copy of "The Facts," a publication of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 212 Fifth Avenue, NYC, Volume 1, dated September, 1946, set out under the heading "Hate and Religion" the names of a number of ministers who were referred to as "preachers of hate." These ministers included Wesley A. Swift, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church, Lancaster, California. According to the information set out herein, Swift was a member of the California Pastors' Association, a Gerald L. K. Smith front organized in 1945. Swift was a featured speaker at Smith's rallies in Cleveland, Denver and Minneapolis, and served as a bodyguard to Smith when Smith spoke in the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School in 1945.

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[redacted] of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1003 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., furnished the latest releases of "The Facts" which included an index, Volume 1, May-December, 1946. Under the heading of "Personalities" appeared the following information:

"Swift, Dr. Wesley-1:11, 5:7, 8".

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The publication "Anti-Semitism in the US in 1947," was prepared by [redacted] the staff of the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This publication was a survey which described, analyzed and evaluated anti-Semitism throughout the US in 1947. It stated that in Los Angeles County, California, the leaders among the Los Angeles anti-Semitic groups included the Reverend Wesley Swift, who was active in several "Anglo-Israelite" groups following the line of the Anglo-Saxon Federation, and [redacted] largely through his Public Affairs Forum.

Speakers at [redacted] Forum, according to this publication, included Swift, who was probably the most important professional anti-Semite active in Southern California during 1947. He spoke at national Anglo-Israel conventions and conferences in Los Angeles, addressed secret groups of Klan leaders, formed an Anglo-Saxon Bible group and congregation, and held meetings in San Diego.

According to this publication, "The Anglo-Israel Guide" of Hollywood, an anti-Semitic periodical, [redacted] Swift, and consisted of the standard gibberish such as "Jews are not Caucasians; Jews are communists."

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On 10/15/47, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that an individual named Wesley Swift led a church group known as the Christian Fellowship which was an extreme rightist movement similar to the Gerald L. K. Smith movement. He stated that Swift was extremely anti-Semitic and had been accused of being a member of the KKK.

100-3-25-1420 p.1
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As of early November, 1947, [redacted]

[redacted] had tentatively identified Reverend Wesley Swift as a member of the KKK. [redacted] as well as [redacted] Sergeant, Subversive Detail, Los Angeles PD, had advised that Swift was the leader of the Great Pyramid Club, which during the Spring of 1947 was holding weekly meetings at the North Star Auditorium in Los Angeles. These informants advised that at these meetings, Swift confined his talk generally to religious matters; however, [redacted] believed he used the club as a means of recruiting individuals favorable to the Klan movement.

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On 7/26/48, a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group was held in San Diego and was closed to the general public. Admittance was by invitation only. Thirty-three young people, most of whom were from State College, appeared and were refused admittance. They stood on the sidewalk for approximately one and one half hours protesting this type of meeting and complained about Reverend Wesley Swift, leader of the group, charging he was a member of the KKK and had traveled the country speaking with Gerald L. K. Smith. They further complained that the meetings were anti-Semitic and were likely to incite riots. One member of this college group was identified as [redacted]
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[redacted] General Service Studio Lot, Hollywood, California, made available a copy of a letter dealing with a speaking engagement by a mysterious "Mr. X" at the El Patio Theater in Hollywood, on 12/9/48, which was sponsored by the Cinema Educational Guild.

It was observed that pamphlets were passed out at this meeting advertising a rally to be conducted by Gerald L. K. Smith and Dr. Wesley Swift at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles on 12/13/48.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of a pamphlet known as the [redacted] "Intelligence Service" in Santa Ana, was violently anti-Semitic in his writings. During September, 1949, according to [redacted] allegedly collaborated with Reverend Wesley Swift, allegedly the organizer of the KKK. [redacted] writings allegedly were given wide distribution by Swift.

105-10091-17 p.1
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The "Chicago Daily Sun-Times" dated 10/27/50 contained an article under the heading of "Kup's Column" which revealed in part that Gerald L. K. Smith, Wesley Swift and others were behind [redacted] *Ferguson* who operated behind a cloak known as the Cinema Educational Guild. Mr. Smith stated that he started the Cinema Educational Guild, named it, conducted the first meeting, raised the first money and then turned the names over to [redacted]

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The following references in the file captioned [redacted] set out information regarding the activities of Dr. Wesley Swift of Los Angeles, and Lancaster, California. Swift, 257 Parkview, Los Angeles; who was associated with the Gerald L. K. Smith group, advised members of the Armed Services Committee that he had witnesses who would furnish affidavits that [redacted] attended meetings of the John Reed Club. [redacted] on 12/5/50, requested a name check on Swift and other individuals. On 12/6/50, Peyton Ford, Deputy AG, requested that any information in the Bureau files on Swift be furnished to Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall by 12/7/50. A memorandum dated 12/7/50 regarding Swift was furnished Secretary of Defense Marshall emphasizing the fact that it was not possible from the limited information furnished by the Defense Department to determine whether or not Swift was identical with the individual in whom Marshall was interested.

These references also contained a summary of information concerning the identity and activities of Dr. Wesley Swift of Lancaster.

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According to the Walter Winchell (62-31615) Broadcast of 5/27/51, Gerald L. K. Smith and Wesley Swift were subpoenaed before the Grand Jury and testified on 5/21/51 concerning their part in the defamation campaign against [redacted]
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[redacted] advised in August, 1949 that Dr. Wesley A. Swift, 1215 Figueroa Street, Lancaster, California, was the organizer and Director of the California Anti-Communist League, with a mailing address at 862 South Flower Street, Los Angeles. This informant further advised that this address was also used as a mailing address by the Pyramid Club and the Heart and Hand, an offshoot of the KKK. Swift was the official speaker for the Pyramid Club, holding meetings in Los Angeles and San Diego.

[redacted]

Records of the Los Angeles INS revealed that [redacted] had visited in the US from 7/18/50 to 8/20/50, and from 2/23/51 to 3/22/51. [redacted] stated on 2/23/51 that he was going to visit Dr. Swift at Lancaster. [redacted] also stated that during his visit to California in 1950, he had addressed several church services as guest of Dr. Swift.

The INS records further revealed that Dr. Swift advised on 6/13/51 that he had known [redacted] for three and one-half years and that during February, 1951, [redacted] had been [redacted] [redacted] obtained material from Swift's library to use in Canada in connection with the Anti-Communist League of Canada. During this period, [redacted] was introduced by Swift to church groups in Los Angeles. Swift stated that the California Anti-Communist League and the Anti-Communist League of Canada worked in close cooperation.

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On 1/14/52 []

[] advised that since 1946 or 1947, when the KKK was dissolved in California many of the old members and leaders had continued to meet in an organization known as the Pyramid Club. [] stated that one of the main speakers who appeared at this club's meetings was one Dr. Wesley Swift.

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With regard to Swift, [] advised around May, 1952, that Swift was the pastor of the Christian Church at Lancaster, California, and was the organizer and director of the California Anti-Communist League. The headquarters address for this organization, according to [] was care of Dr. Wesley Swift, State Director, P.O. Box 931, Lancaster. According to this source, Swift had been responsible for the sponsoring of Gerald L. K. Smith at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, on June 7-9, 1949, when he spoke under the auspices of the CNC. Swift had also appeared as a speaker at several rallies and other meetings held by Smith in Los Angeles and Swift was the official speaker at the Great Pyramid Club, which was formed by Swift and other former leaders of the KKK in the Los Angeles area. According to this source, Swift was considered Smith's "right hand man" and was probably more dangerous and inflammatory in his invective than Smith.

Lt. [] of the California Vocational Institute in Lancaster, who furnished information regarding Dr. Wesley Swift in 1951, stated on 5/10/52 that he was aware of the activities of Swift, whom he knew to be active in the Nationalist movement in the Los Angeles area. [] agreed to furnish additional information concerning Swift.

As of May, 1952, it was noted that [] had continued to furnish information concerning the activities of Swift and others active in the Nationalist movement.

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[redacted]
advised that during the fall of 1952, he had attended a meeting, recommended by the Christian Nationalist Party, at a church near 9th and Hope,* wherein the speaker was Dr. Wesley Swift, and which was supposedly in conjunction with The Anti-Communist League.

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* Possibly Los Angeles

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[redacted] assistant director of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Los Angeles, advised that they had investigated Swift, because of a complaint during December, 1949, which indicated that Swift had illegal possession of 15 or 20 automatic machine guns. [redacted] stated they found no basis for the complaint, and it appeared that someone was being spiteful because of Swift's antagonistic stand on racial groups.

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An ONI report revealed that [redacted] advised that on 8/7/52, he had visited Dr. Wesley A. Swift, in Los Angeles, who he stated was a former acquaintance of his when he worked for the CNC in St. Louis. During this visit, [redacted] was given a small advertisement regarding a speech to be made by Dr. Swift at the Embassy Auditorium on 12/9/52, sponsored by Gerald L. K. Smith. According to this report, files of ONI contained much information on Dr. Swift, identifying him as a leader in the effort to revive the KKK in California and a strong Fascist figure operating side by side with Gerald L. K. Smith.

[redacted] stated that he had been attending an organization which he believed was known as Wesley A. Swift's Anti-Communist League which met in Sunset Hall, North Park, San Diego.

According to this report, it was thought possible that [redacted] report to the CIC officer was suggested by Dr. Swift or some other CNC organizer inasmuch as this organization was violently anti-communist.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was a follower of Dr. Wesley Swift.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] came under the influence of [redacted] a follower of Swift, but he did not believe [redacted] to be disloyal. [redacted] advised that in his opinion Dr. Swift was not disloyal, but was so vehement and militant in his church work that people in Lancaster disliked him.

[redacted] advised that she had heard that [redacted] were ardent followers of Swift, but that [redacted] and [redacted] refused to attend Swift's church. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a disciple of Swift and had allowed Swift to hold several meetings in his home.

[redacted] advised that he was acquainted with Swift and that he considered Swift to be a loyal American citizen; however, he did not consider [redacted] to be a follower of Swift even though he occasionally attended his church.

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The above information was made available in a Los Angeles report dated 3/5/53.

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The "California Jewish Voice" newspaper of 5/29/53 contained an article concerning [redacted] It stated in part that [redacted] career as a professional anti-Semite began in 1950 while he was still a student at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. There he distributed anti-Semite leaflets, which won high praise from Wesley Swift of KKK fame. Swift for a while made [redacted] his protege.

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Legat, Heidelberg, Germany, furnished, on 12/3/53, a list of collaborators of [redacted]

[redacted] the sponsor of the organization known as "Natinform" (100-387763). This list was made available to the Legat by G-2, USAREUR,* and included the name of Reverend Doctor Wesley Swift, P.O. Box 9465, Station S., Los Angeles. (S) (U)

✓ According to the files of CIC, Stuttgart, Germany, the main activity of this organization was the collection of information, books and pamphlets allegedly exposing the control of the world by Jewish influence in international financing and by bodies of Freemasons (S) (U)

✓ 100-387763-4 encl. p.1

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(20) [redacted] furnished same list

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"The Cross and the Flag," the official monthly organ of the CNC, dated March, 1953, contained an article by Dr. Wesley Swift which was prefaced by the following editorial note: "Outstanding clergyman of Lancaster, California, specializes in scriptural interpretation. Dr. Swift is chairman of the California Anti-Communist League. He has been a pioneer in the battle against communism, New Dealism and all other forms of Marxism. He was at San Francisco when the United Nations charter was approved and has been a consistent foe of treasonable implications from that day to this."

As of 1954, [redacted]

✓ Swift was originally from New Jersey. He attended Columbia University and later took postgraduate courses at Harvard University. After a ministerial career he became active in the KKK and early in the World War II period was equivalent to the KKK's state organizer in California, which position he held until the Klan's dissolution about 1948. Over a period of years he and Gerald L. K. Smith had shared the platform of one another's meetings. Swift recently accepted the position of legislative representative for the CNC, whose slogan was "One Faith - One Race - One Nation."

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[redacted] of the National Independent Party (100-18891), advised on 1/7/55 concerning allegations that he knew of 10,000 NKVD Agents in the US. Cook said he had heard this statement made by Dr. Wesley Swift at one of Swift's meetings. [redacted] described Swift as a local follower of Gerald L. K. Smith of the Christian Nationalist Party.

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100-18891-19 p.5
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[redacted] advised on 2/14/55 that it was reported that Dr. Wesley Swift, at a meeting of the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation, had made the statement that there were ten thousand MVD agents in the US, and that the National Alliance of Russian Solidarists was aiding them. Stazevich stated that there was nothing to this rumor.

65-58295-145 p.9
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[redacted] Cinema Educational Guild, Incorporated, advised on 4/28/55 that he was attending the Congress of Freedom Convention held at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco. He stated he had reason to believe that the convention was being infiltrated by both left wingers and the CNC. [redacted] was particularly concerned with Westley Swift and others as he sensed certain disruptive influences from both the left and the right.

San Francisco indices indicated that Swift was Gerald L. K. Smith's legislative representative at the National Emergency Conference (no further details)

62-87267-71 p.2,4
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[redacted] advised on 6/14/55 that [redacted] of the American Nationalist Crusade (100-18891) and that although his organization had no membership it had a following of 10,000, which was made up of the members of the CNC headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, the Congress for Freedom and the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation headed by Dr. Wesley A. Swift.

✓ 100-18891-24 p.2
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On 5/2/56, Dr. Wasley Swift contacted the Bureau and claimed to represent a combination of various groups in California including the American Nationalist Party headed by Gerald L. K. Smith.

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An article appearing in the Los Angeles newspaper, "California Eagle," on 5/9/46 entitled "Ousts Deputy Linked to Klan" reported the firing of [REDACTED] effective 6/3/46. The article indicated that demands came from "the Los Angeles CIO Council, the 64th Assembly District Democratic Club and the Democratic County Central Committee after AG Robert W. Kenny's Office revealed the deputy had been a gun-toting bodyguard for Gerald L. K. Smith, America First Leader, and a close associate of Reverend Wesley A. Smith,* recognized Klan leader at Lancaster."

The 7/16/46 issue of the "DPW" featured an article on the front page concerning the murder trial of one [REDACTED] who allegedly murdered Tolly Wilkins, alleged Ku Klux Klansman. The article stated in part: "The hearing was held in this little Klan-dominated desert town of Lancaster, home of exposed Klan leaders [REDACTED] and Wesley Swift."

[REDACTED] stated on 10/20/58 that Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates, including Swift, had never committed themselves to a course of violence.

On 11/22/58, [REDACTED] advised that in the past he had acted as [REDACTED] for Dr. Swift as Swift did not need [REDACTED] advised that Swift had been the subject of unfavorable comment ever since he began his anticommunist activities about ten years ago.

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* This obviously is a typographical error and should appear as Wesley A. Swift.

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Dr. Wesley A. Swift was interviewed on 1/22/59, and he stated that in February, 1958, he was in Washington, D. C. when a petition was presented to certain members of Congress regarding the CNC campaign to impeach the Chief Justice* (not further explained).

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*Chief Justice Warren

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According to a Los Angeles memo dated 3/1/61, Reverend Wesley A. Swift, 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, was listed as a potential suspect in the event of bombings in racial matters. Swift had three automobiles, a 1959 Imperial, a 1961 Imperial and a 1960 Dodge station wagon.

According to this memo, [redacted] who was employed as [redacted] (for Reverend Swift), was also listed as a potential bomb suspect.

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✓ According to the Los Angeles office, information was received in March, 1960 that the California Rangers organization was being set up and indications were that the Reverend Wesley J. Swift was apparently one of the motivating forces behind the group. As of 8/31/61, no information had developed to indicate that this group was ever in actual existence.

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It was noted that Swift, a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, Lancaster, California, was known to be a hater of Jews, Negroes and Catholics and was a close associate of Gerald L. K. Smith of the CNC. [REDACTED]

The NSRP composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites, was opposed to all race mixing organizations and individuals, and the CNC was anti-Semitic, "one faith, one race, one nation." (unknown source)

157-1758-1 p.5,6
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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that Dr. Wesley Swift stated that a large group of "minutemen" (not identified) left Los Angeles on 9/27/62, or were leaving on 9/28/62, en route to Mississippi. This group reportedly would be in charge of Dr. Swift and would be commanded by General Walker, US Army (Retired), and Governor Barnett after arriving in Mississippi.

It was noted that Dr. Swift recently spoke at an open-type segregation meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, at which time he was outspoken against Negroes and Jews according to [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] Dr. Wesley Swift's sermon of 12/30/62. In this sermon Swift discussed different political leaders and their removal from office. He stated that impeachment was one way and there was also removal by Divine Power. Swift also discussed certain astrological signs under which some of the past presidents came into office and their consequences.

62-109060-1655 p.1,2
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[redacted] on 1/22/63. furnished a letter he had received from [redacted] (set out verbatim). This letter pertained to a State Department Document which would surrender the US Army, Navy and Air Force to the United Nations. [redacted] stated in her letter that she had learned this information through hearing Dr. Wesley Swift. [redacted] also advised concerning Dr. Swift's public speeches and tapes made of these speeches which were widely circulated over the entire nation and several foreign countries. [redacted] referred to Dr. Swift as one of the most vitally informed patriots in our nation.

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[] stated that [] sent him a tape recording of a speech of Dr. Swift in which he made the statement that there were several thousand Red Chinese soldiers training in Mexico near San Diego.

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[] advised that [] who was presently an employee of Dr. Wesley Swift's had told him that [] belonged to a group which was formerly the KKK. Shoup stated that the KKK, no longer in existence, had been broken down into 16 groups throughout the US. [] advised that the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, located at the Hollywood Women's Club, Hollywood, California, was one of these 16 groups and that Dr. Swift was minister and a member of the group.

[] told [] that members of these groups planned to kill 300 persons, who ran the country in government, industry, social and religious life, in a mass assassination; that there were people ready to take over the running of the country, armed and ready to enforce the change in leadership. [] stated that Swift was a member of his group.

[] also told [] that his group had plenty of money and all of the members had firearms. [] advised that he was afraid for the safety of [] and himself.

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[redacted] (protect identity) submitted a written report concerning a talk delivered at the Hollywood Womens' Club, 1749 North La Brea, Hollywood, California, on 5/3/63, by Colonel [redacted] retired army officer. This report (set out) stated that Wesley Swift introduced [redacted] as "Just coming home from the wars."

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According to a Tampa, Florida memo dated 10/18/63, [redacted] advised that Reverend Wesley Swift was the only west coast contact of [redacted]

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On 11/10/63, Wilson's TV, Radio, Sales and Service, Lancaster, California, owned by a Negro, was set on fire. Los Angeles County Sheriff's office conducted an arson investigation to determine if KKK members were responsible for the fire. Dr. Wesley A. Swift and [redacted] of the group associated with the KKK, allegedly concluded that [redacted] was an informer because KKK members were questioned while he was in Mississippi on vacation. [redacted] was determined to be in Mississippi on 11/22/63. (No source)

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[redacted] advised on 11/26/63 that he was associated with an organization in Los Angeles which he recalled as the "First Church of Christ Christian." Harding stated that the head of this organization was Dr. Wesley Swift, and that this organization intended to assassinate 300 officials in high public office and industry. [redacted] stated that although he had never formally joined this organization he was given to understand that he was "in". He was also told that he might be tapped for one of eight men who would eliminate the officials. [redacted] stated that he left Los Angeles and found a job in [redacted] with [redacted]

62-109060-727 p.2

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SI 62-109060-512 p.1

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SI 105-82555-1260 p.3

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An article in the "Los Angeles Times" dated 5/8/62 captioned "Probe of 'Hate Groups' Urged by County Unit" stated that the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations identified the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, among others as a hate group. This group, conducted by Wesley A. Swift, reportedly castigated the Jews and Negroes and preached the maintenance of a "white Christian autocracy."

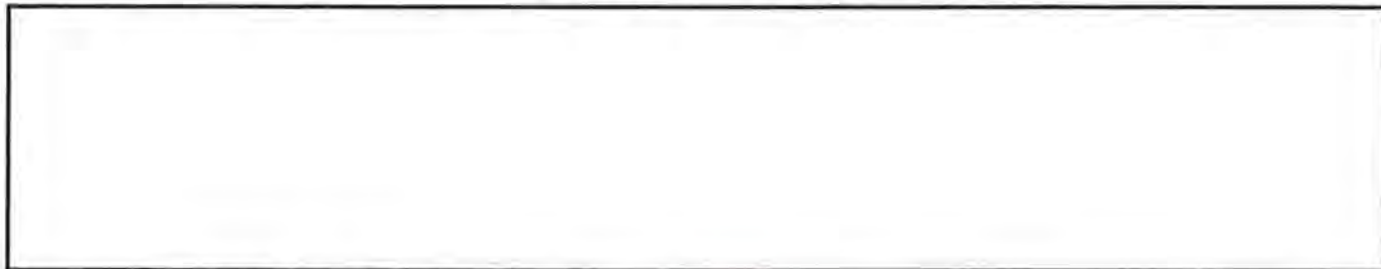
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According to the November, 1962 issue of the "National Christian News," page 2, Dr. Wesley Swift was the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian with headquarters in California.



It was noted that on 11/10/63, [redacted] shop was burned by unknown persons who threw "Molotov cocktails" through a window and on the roof.

Investigation conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office revealed that William Potter Gale, Swift and [redacted] were three principal members controlling the CKIE.



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157-418-11 p.2,15,16,28,29
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157-1167-14 encl. p.1
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According to [redacted] was friendly with or associated in some degree with William Potter Gale and Doctor Swift.

On 1/29/64 records of the General Finance Loan Corporation, 2653 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, revealed that Swift was listed as a friend of [redacted]

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157-1025-809 p.5 encl. p.1
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[redacted] PCI (protect identity) advised that on 10/19/63, the CKIE held its first meeting at Lancaster, California. This meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift.

[redacted] advised on 2/10/64, that [redacted] of the Minutemen (62-107261), Orange County, California, had been speaking on Friday evenings (dates not known) before a group known as the California Rangers sponsored by the Hollywood Women's Club, Church of Christ, 1749 North La Brea, Hollywood. At these same meetings following [redacted] speeches, Dr. Wesley Swift, head of the CKIE, would speak. Swift's group used religion as a drawing card which did not have too much appeal.

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The US Treasury Department, Pascagoula, Mississippi, furnished a list of material which was located in the possession of [redacted] and [redacted] at the time of their arrest in George County, Mississippi, on 3/23/64. This material included a box of recording tapes most of which were lectures of Dr. Wesley A. Swift.

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On March 24, 25, 1964, [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents, Alcohol Tax Unit, US Treasury Department, Pascagoula, Mississippi, furnished material which was located in the possession of [redacted] and [redacted] at the time of their arrest near the Movella Community, George County, Mississippi. Included in this material was a box filled with recording tapes, most of which were lectures of Dr. Swift, Box 911, Lancaster, California.

[redacted] advised that he had never personally met Dr. Swift, but had listened to many of his tape recordings and that he, [redacted] was in complete agreement with the beliefs of Dr. Swift.

Description of [redacted] set out.

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157-1025-1014 p.5,6,10,13,18
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[redacted] advised on 4/16/64 that he followed the tape ministry of the Reverend Doctor Wesley Swift, who regularly circulated tape recordings of his speeches. Swift, in his recordings, made prophecies based on astrology and the stars. About six weeks prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, Ward had occasion to hear a tape recording of remarks made by Dr. Swift where he indicated that the President was entering "a critical period," but he did not indicate in this recording that the President was going to be assassinated.

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62-109060-3083 p.473,474,1115
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According to an Oklahoma City memo dated 4/28/64, [redacted] stated that records played by [redacted] were received by him from Dr. Wesley A. Swift.

It was noted that [redacted] had formed a group which intended to revolt and overtake the country. In view of the above information, it appeared that the group was not a Fascist organization.

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* [redacted] resided in [redacted]

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* A group of anti-Negro, anti-Jewish individuals who would not hesitate to commit acts of violence.

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On 6/5/64, [redacted] advised that during the past year he had ordered tape recordings of religious sermons from Dr. Wesley A. Swift in California. [redacted] stated that he had learned about these tapes from [redacted] who also obtained tape recordings from Swift. He stated that there was no organization or group of individuals holding meetings in connection with these tape recordings; that he and Andrews played the tapes for friends or anyone interested in listening.

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On 6/5/64, [redacted] advised that he became acquainted with Dr. Swift in 1963, and during the past year had been ordering tape recordings of Dr. Swift's sermons. He stated these recordings were available to the general public and were religious and anti-communist in nature.

157-6-35-222 encl. p.1,2
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A Los Angeles memo dated 9/10/64 furnished the Bureau a list of bomb suspects, with identifying information concerning each suspect, of those individuals maintained by the Los Angeles Office. This list contained the name of Reverend Wesley A. Swift with background data set out.

157-1-26-29 p.4
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A source (not identified) advised that the organization known as the CKIE held its first meeting at Lancaster, on 10/19/63. The meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift. Swift was second in rank in the CKIE, but was, in effect, the real power of the organization. According to this source, headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster.

On 2/26/64, this same source advised that Swift stated that his attorney and others had advised him to disband the CKIE, which he had done, and that the movement was completely dead in the State of California.

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A source (not identified) advised that information regarding proposed racial violence in Glendale and Lancaster, California, was apparently an article from an unidentified Negro newspaper. This article mentioned that unidentified Negroes planned to demonstrate in Glendale because of housing conditions there; no mention was made of Lancaster. Source stated that Swift apparently had used this same newspaper article and had added Lancaster in his allegation to draw attention to his church (Church of Jesus Christ) and to the city in which he resided.

157-6-26-466 p.1 encl. p.1-3
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The following references in the file captioned "William Potter Gale, aka. Racial Matters", set out information regarding the activities of Dr. Wesley A. Swift, minister of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, Lancaster, California. William Potter Gale was the assistant pastor to Dr. Wesley Swift at the above church. This group claimed to have a large supply of guns, ammunition, and food. Dr. Swift held weekly meetings at Dartlee Hall in San Diego. He made numerous anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic statements, and was accompanied by armed bodyguards. Swift was a KKK lecturer, and a controlling member of this organization. The CDL was allegedly a front for Swift, who advocated anti-integration and anti-Jew and was dedicated to white Christian supremacy. Dr. Swift made numerous transcriptions and tape recordings which were mailed out to anyone who was interested. Swift was at one time interested in groups who were connected with his church and who committed acts of violence, but he stated that he was no longer interested in any type of violence and felt that more could be accomplished through the CDL in defending white Christianity.

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The following references in the file captioned "Gerald L. K. Smith, was; America First Party" file # 62-43818, set out information concerning the activities of Reverend Wesley A. Swift, Lancaster, California, who was considered Smith's right-hand man in Los Angeles. When Smith, who was head of the CNC, appeared in Los Angeles for speeches he was usually accompanied on the stage or platform by Swift, who often made the introduction. Swift, a minister of the Anglo-Saxon Christian Church of Lancaster, held weekly meetings in Los Angeles, where he continued to follow the line of Gerald Smith by speaking on communism, Jewish conspiracy in the US Government and similar related topics. Smith as head of a delegation called the Citizens Congressional Committee, with Wesley Swift, spoke in Washington, D.C., 6/27/53 to 7/2/53. They contacted Senators and Representatives advocating the abolishment of the UN. This group was apparently affiliated with the CNC. Swift was highly active in and occupied a position equivalent to State Organizer of the KKK in California prior to its dissolution in 1948. In September, 1953, it was reported that Swift accepted the responsibility of serving as legislative representative of the CNC. The newspaper, "The California Jewish Voice," on 3/18/55, stated that Swift and Smith were probably the most vicious of all hate-mongers. Swift as chairman of the committee on legislation of the CNC spoke at a meeting in Washington, D.C., on 3/10/55. Swift opposed Earl Warren for Chief Justice because he had vetoed bills which required public school teachers to take a loyalty oath. Swift was reported to have a "Black Shirt fully armed Fascist-like organization" in Lancaster which was to consolidate with Smith's America First Party. Swift spoke at CNC meetings held in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Louis, Chicago and was active in the Salt Lake City area. Swift spoke at a mass rally held in Cleveland on 9/18/45, to aid in organizing the Christian Veterans Organization. WV

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The following references set out information pertaining to Dr. Wesley A. Swift in the San Diego area in connection with applicant or loyalty investigation of individuals as listed below. In these references allegations were made concerning the association of Swift in subversive activities with the subject of the file or relatives of these individuals. Detailed information regarding Swift was set out which had been included in his main file and other references in this summary.

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The following references in the file captioned "American Nazi Party, aka World Union of Free Enterprise, National Socialists; George Lincoln Rockwell-Racial Matters," file # 105-70374, set out information concerning the activities of Dr. Wesley Swift. During August, 1960 Swift and [redacted] members of the Gerald L. K. Smith organization, met with George Lincoln Rockwell in Alexandria, Virginia. It was not known for certain that Swift and [redacted] gave money to Rockwell; however, after their visit, Rockwell displayed a large roll of money. It was believed possible that Swift and [redacted] were sources from which Rockwell was receiving money to continue his activities. During the week of 8/21/60, Swift and [redacted] were in Washington, D.C. where they met with Rockwell and where they also contacted Senator Eastland from Mississippi and other Southern Senators. They also conferred with members of the House Banking Committee concerning the pending loan to Israel from the World Bank. In September, 1960, Swift and [redacted] attended a meeting of the Christian Knights of the KKK in Danville, Virginia. On 6/10/64, Rockwell met with Swift and [redacted] of the CDL in Los Angeles. This meeting concerned the possible merger of the ANP and the CDL a non-denominational, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization. As of September, 1964, [redacted] with Swift in Lancaster, California, supposedly working with Swift in an effort to consolidate the work of the ANP with the CKIE, KKK.

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The following references in the file captioned "CKIE, aka. KKK Activities, Lancaster-Palmdale, California Area" set out information concerning the activities of Dr. Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California. Swift was the number two man in California of the CKIE, bearing the title of "Klud," or chaplain of the "Realm." Swift was initiated into the Jacksonville, Florida unit of the United Florida KKK on 9/14/62. Swift presided at numerous meetings of the CKIE. He stated the purpose of the CKIE was to preserve the US Constitution and the white race and to fight communism. Swift changed the name of KKK to the CKIE inasmuch as he stated that the Klan was illegal and the use of the CKIE would lend legality to the organization, but it would still be the KKK. This organization had a governing body called the "Tribunal" which allegedly included Swift. It was the business of this Tribunal to decide on the acts of violence performed by the organization. In December, 1963, during the struggle for power and control over the local organization between Swift and William Potter Gale, a close associate of Swift, the two decided to split up. Gale would remain as head of the CKIE while Swift would assume leadership of an organization called the CDL, which was nonviolent in nature. Swift stated in February, 1964, that he had disbanded the CKIE completely in the State of California, as he did not care to associate any longer with a group which advocated violence, and to do so might endanger his church, the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and his position therein; that his future efforts would be concerned mainly with the CDL.

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The following references in the file captioned "KKK," file #V100-7801, set out information concerning the activities of Dr. Wesley Swift, a leader of the KKK in southern California. Swift, Pastor of a church in Lancaster, California, claimed to be the lower pacific coast realm organizer of the KKK. Swift was a speaker at Big Bear Lake American Legion Post #584, Big Bear Lake, California, where he reportedly told of the plans of the KKK in that vicinity. Swift remarked that the Klan was in Big Bear Valley to stay and that they intended to form restrictive covenants in that area and elsewhere to hold the line of "full Americanism." When the AG of California received word that the KKK members were acquiring surplus army rifles, Dr. Swift was subpoenaed to appear before the AG with records of the KKK. Swift attended numerous Klan meetings and as of December, 1946, the southern California Klan Leaders were using a front organization known as the Great Pyramid Club, led by [redacted] and Swift. Swift was also President of the California Anti-Communist League where his speeches were of the anti-Negro and anti-Jew variety. This league had no main function except to afford Swift an opportunity to spread his views. Swift saw a regular attendant at the Gerald L. K. Smith meetings in Los Angeles and on one occasion accompanied Smith to assist in speaking engagements. Swift was reportedly spending a lot of time on a ranch [redacted] near Fall Brook, California, where Swift was keeping guns.

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✓ The following references in the file captioned "NSRP" file # 105-66233, set out information concerning the activities of Reverend Wesley A. Swift, who had spoken at many NSRP meetings including a meeting at Pinellas Park, Florida, where he was referred to as a leader from Los Angeles. At a meeting in Miami on 9/11/62, Swift claimed to have access to some top US security files. Swift who was a hater of Jews, Negroes and Catholics, was anti-Semitic and anti-Negro in his speeches and also criticized various US Government officials and former officials. Swift also declared that his organization (The NSRP) paid no attention to laws; that it would decide which meetings would be broken up, and that no one could ever break up an NSR meeting.

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The following references in the file captioned "Desegregation of University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi Racial Matters" set out the activities of Dr. Wesley Swift, pastor of the "Church of Jesus Christ-Christian," Lancaster, California. Swift, who was called a "messenger of hate" against Negroes and Jews, was reported to have been in charge of a large group of minutemen who were to leave Los Angeles for Mississippi about 9/28/62, to support the segregationists in preventing a Negro from registering to enter the University of Mississippi. Swift reportedly stated these men would be armed. Through an appropriate pretext on September 28-29, 1962 it was ascertained that Reverend Swift was in Los Angeles or at his home in Lancaster, with no indication of plans to leave California. Swift was observed at a Los Angeles meeting on 9/28/62. Swift was a close associate of Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the CNC, and in September, 1962, Swift was the guest speaker of the NSRP at several meetings in Florida at which time he advocated the impeachment of President Kennedy. The NSRP was an anti-Negro, anti-Semitic group. Swift was reportedly initiated into the United Florida KKK on 9/14/62, in Jacksonville. Swift attended a meeting of his church group on 10/12/62, at the Hollywood Women's Club in Los Angeles where he stated that B'nai B'rith and the NAACP had sent [redacted]

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[redacted] of the NSRP, St. Petersburg, Florida, visited Swift in California in June, 1961, and Swift accompanied [redacted] to St. Petersburg. Swift spoke at an NSRP meeting on 9/14/62, at Pinellas Park, Florida.

[redacted] Swift was a close associate of Colonel William P. Gale of Los Angeles, known as a messenger of hate against Negroes and Jews.

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This reference in Bureau file 100-15252 is a report of the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee concerning Un-American Activities in California, 1963. This report stated that Wesley Swift spoke at an NSRP meeting held on 2/8/63 at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles.

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Handwriting specimens of SWIFT are available, and photostatic copies of his writing are maintained in LA 94-388-1A1.

[REDACTED] are aware of SWIFT's movements in that area.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were reviewed by IC [REDACTED]

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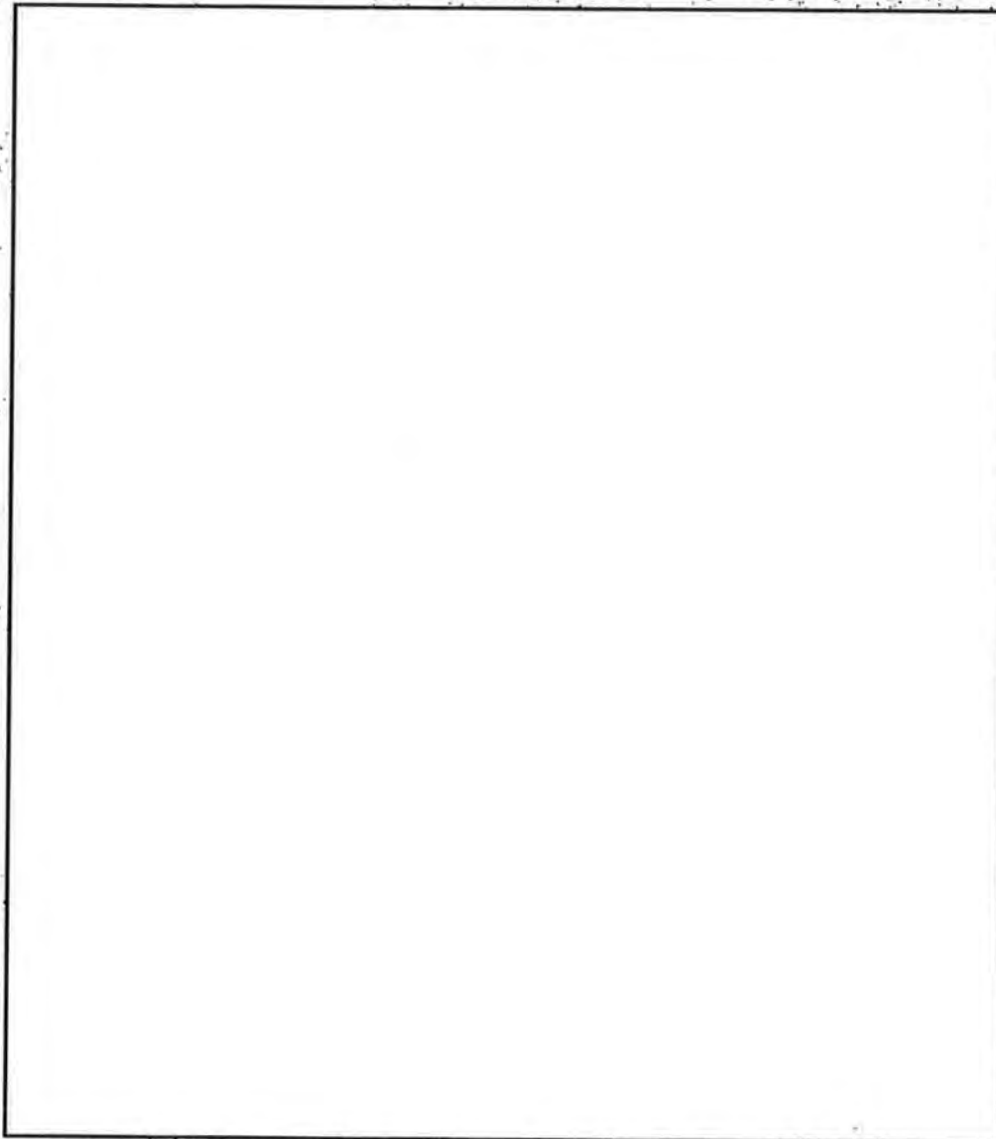
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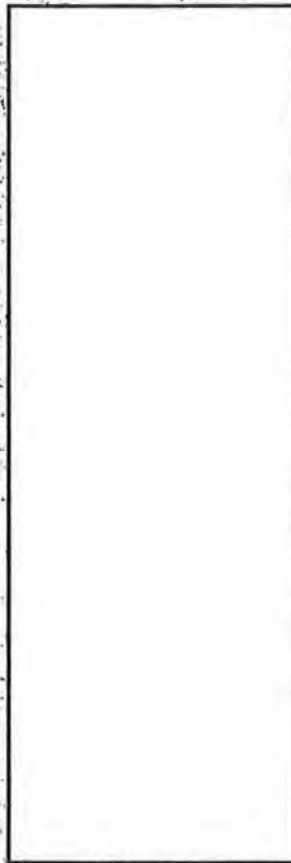
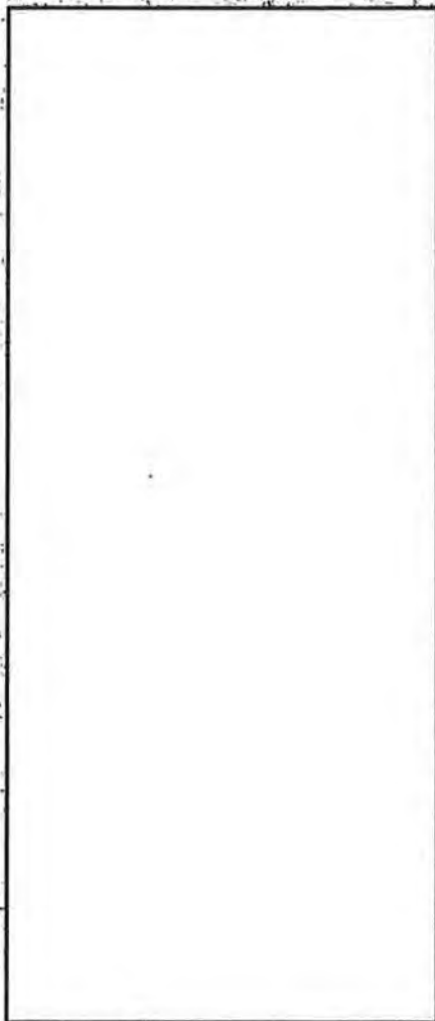
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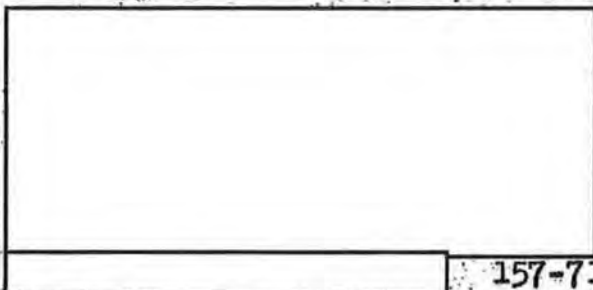
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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

Character: RACIAL MATTERS
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Synopsis: Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT resides at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, and is pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which holds its weekly meetings at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California. SWIFT was born 9/6/13 at New Jersey. In June, 1964, SWIFT met with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, self styled commander of the American Nazi Party. Until it disbanded in late 1963, the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) had its headquarters at the residence of SWIFT in Lancaster, California. SWIFT was reported to be one of the leaders of the California Rangers (1963). SWIFT was initiated into the United Florida Klan in 1962. SWIFT was scheduled to speak at Miami, Florida, in behalf of the National States Rights Party (1962). As early as 1945, SWIFT was closely associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH and the Christian Nationalist Crusade. Disparaging remarks made by SWIFT concerning Negroes, Jews and public officials set forth. SWIFT OWNS FIREARMS AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE USE OF THESE FIREARMS. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] (6/11/65)

WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT resides at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, (telephone number 942-0131) and he also owns the Flying Eagle Ranch, Caliente Canyon, Bakersfield, California.

EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] (6/11/65)

WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT is pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which holds its weekly meetings at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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BIRTH DATA

Records, Department of Motor
Vehicles, Sacramento, California;
Records, Registrar of Voters,
Los Angeles, California
(6/21/65)

SWIFT was born on September 6, 1913, at New Jersey.

MARITAL STATUS

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, as reviewed on June 28, 1965, revealed that WESLEY A. SWIFT divorced [REDACTED] on June 30, 1952, having obtained an Interlocutory Judgement on June 22, 1951, charging extreme cruelty.

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On July 2, 1952, WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, age 38 (1952), 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, born in New Jersey, married [redacted] b6 b7C

SWIFT's father was listed as RICHARD SWIFT, born New York, and his mother as EMILY JENNINGS, born New York.

VEHICLES

The records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California, Sacramento, California, reveal that the following vehicles are registered in the name of WESLEY A. SWIFT, 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California:

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>CALIFORNIA LICENSE</u>	<u>ENGINE NUMBER</u>
1965 Chrysler Imperial Sedan	PHB 041 (1965)	#Y253106075
1964 Willy's Wagon	GUG 384 (1965)	#1417C13857
1963 Chrysler Imperial Sedan	GUG 445 (1964)	#9243101475

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

The records of the following agencies were reviewed for any information concerning WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, with negative results:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DATE CHECKED</u>
Los Angeles Police Department	June 22, 1965
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	June 23, 1965
Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, Sacramento, California	June 18, 1965

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PHOTOGRAPH

A photograph of WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT is available.

INFORMATION FROM LOS ANGELES
COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
(6/22/65)

These records, as reviewed on June 22, 1965, contain the following information concerning SWIFT:

April 25, 1946

WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
44616 North Fig Avenue,
Lancaster, California
Minister, 5'7"
Born - New Jersey
Former addresses:
1252 Fig Avenue,
Lancaster, California
Avenue H, Antelope, California

POSSESSION OF
FIREARMS

[redacted] (3/20/65)

Informant advised that WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT has in his possession one hundred fifty legally registered guns; some of these weapons are registered to SWIFT, others to his relatives. SWIFT spends much time at his ranch shooting his vast selection of firearms.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
(See Appendix)

[redacted] (6/16/64)
[redacted] (6/12/64)
Lieutenant [redacted]
Hermosa Beach Police Department
(6/12/64)

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At a meeting of the American Nazi Party (ANP) held on June 10, 1964, at 1017 Arlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, self-styled commander of the ANP stated that he had met with SWIFT that day, that SWIFT was a "great man" and that he, ROCKWELL, was glad to "join with him".

Lieutenant [redacted]
(supra) (8/14/64)

[redacted] of the ANP as of August, 1964, was residing at the SWIFT residence.

Lieutenant [redacted]
(supra) (12/4/64)

At a meeting of the ANP held November 29, 1964, at Glendale, California, ROCKWELL urged the ANP members to attend the meetings held by SWIFT.

[redacted] (1/11/65)

Informant advised that there was much dissatisfaction among followers of SWIFT because SWIFT was so close to the ANP movement, and his friendship with ROCKWELL.

[redacted] (6/16/64)

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
(CDL)

[redacted] (2/12/64)

The CDL is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels, and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

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[redacted] (2/2/64)

Informant made available a letter concerning the CDL and which bore the notation, Dr. Wesley W. Swift's Ministry, Inc., Post Office Box 911, Lancaster, California. [redacted] stated that the CDL was a "front" for SWIFT, who advocated white supremacy.

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE
INVISIBLE EMPIRE (CKIE)
(See Appendix)

[redacted] (November, 1963)

As of late 1963, the headquarters for the CKIE was located at the residence of SWIFT, and he held the position of "Chaplain" for the CKIE. The CKIE was actually the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) but because the KKK was illegal in California, the term CKIE was used.

The KKK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CALIFORNIA RANGERS

Report of Attorney General
THOMAS C. LYNCH, Attorney General,
State of California, dated April 12,
1965

The purpose of the Rangers is to build an underground network for the conduct of guerrilla warfare. No reliable figures are currently available, but all information indicates a small membership figure. The training program is said to encompass all the different activities which a guerrilla force would be called upon to undertake, ranging from intelligence to actual combat. The members assertedly

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are instructed to acquire firearms, and to practice in their use. In connection with the acquisition of firearms, it is of interest to take note of the following incident:

In August, 1963, Ranger member, [redacted]

[redacted] was

arrested in the act of selling a 50-calibre machine gun and a 9MM British Sten gun to undercover agents whom he had been led to believe were interested in joining the Rangers. That proposed transaction was to be the first of other deals in which KING had claimed he could produce almost unlimited quantities of illegal arms.

[redacted] (December, 1963)

The California Rangers, according to [redacted] are striving to develop armed and trained men who would be ready to form on the streets of Los Angeles within six hours of an emergency. SWIFT is one of the leaders of this organization.

[redacted] (6/18/65)

Informant advised that the California Rangers were formerly an organization in the Southern California area. The organization was similar to the Minutemen (see appendix) in that its aims were to have a ready guerrilla force in the event of a "Communist takeover".

KU KLUX KLAN (KKK)
(supra)

The "Los Angeles Examiner" edition of April 6, 1946, contains an article which states that SWIFT, Lancaster minister, admitted receiving \$43.00 as expenses for his last four lectures on behalf of the KKK, but refused to give any further information to the California Attorney General. This article goes on to state that SWIFT joined the KKK several years ago, and has insisted that the burning of the fiery cross was not intended to intimidate anyone.

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The "Los Angeles Daily News" issue of April 12, 1946, contains an article describing SWIFT as "the KKK organizational spellbinder of Lancaster, California, who had invested heavily in the purchase of firearms".

The "Los Angeles Tribune" issue of April 20, 1946, contains an article which states that five Negroes were "run out of the Big Bear Valley area". This article states that SWIFT had stated that the KKK "intended to remain in the Valley" to "hold the line of pure Americanism".

[] (2/8/49)

Informant advised that SWIFT was the KKK leader in the Southern California area, and closely associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH, founder of the Christian Nationalist Crusade (see appendix).

[] (9/17/62)

Informant advised that SWIFT was initiated into the Jacksonville, Florida Unit of the United Florida Klan (see appendix) September 14, 1962.

[] (January, 1964)

In January, 1964, SWIFT announced that he was transferring his activities from the KKK to the Christian Defense League (supra).

GREAT PYRAMID CLUB

[] (12/24/46)

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[redacted] (2/26/54)

At a meeting of the Great Pyramid Club held on February 26, 1954, at 940 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, SWIFT stated that Communism was the production of Jewish scheming.

MINUTEMEN (See Appendix)

[redacted] (2/10/64)

Informant advised that [redacted] of the Minutemen for the Orange County, California area spoke at meetings conducted by SWIFT held at Hollywood, California.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS
PARTY (NSRP) (See Appendix)

"The Thunderbolt", official publication of the NSRP, issue Number 45, Page Seven, states that 45 members of the Tampa Bay Chapter, NSRP, Tampa, Florida, had recently met to hear WESLEY A. SWIFT of Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] (9/8/62)

Informant advised that SWIFT was scheduled to speak during the period of September 10 - 12, 1962, at Miami, Florida, in behalf of the NSRP.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASSOCIATION WITH GERALD L. K. SMITH
(See Appendix Christian Nationalist
Crusade) (CNC)

WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT attended the following meetings at which GERALD L. K. SMITH was also in attendance:

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<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
[REDACTED]	5/31/45	July, 1945	[REDACTED]	GERALD L. K. SMITH stated SWIFT was a "real American"
	6/4/45	7/13/45	[REDACTED]	SWIFT spoke at this meeting
	6/25/45		Philaharmonic Auditorium Los Angeles, California	SWIFT in attendance
	6/28/45	7/16/45	[REDACTED]	SWIFT in attendance at SMITH meeting
	7/20/45	7/25/45	Shire Auditorium Los Angeles	
	7/14/49	7/18/49	[REDACTED]	SWIFT spoke and stated that he will continue to fight until "every Communist and every subversive Jew is behind barbed wire"

[REDACTED] (1949)

SWIFT was on a committee sponsoring SMITH, under the auspices of the CNC to be held at 847 South Grand Avenue,

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Los Angeles, California. SWIFT also appeared at the First, Second and Third National Anglo-Israelite Conferences held in 1946 and 1947. These conferences were anti-semitic in nature.

STATEMENTS BY WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

[redacted] (6/29/47, 7/12/47)

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On June 25, 1947, and July 10, 1947, SWIFT, at meetings of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group, held at Los Angeles, California, (YMCA), stated that the enemies of this country were Russians, Communists, Jews and Negroes.

[redacted] 10/18/50)

On October 15, 1950, SWIFT, while at a meeting at [redacted] stated that the United Nations flag was flying in front of City Hall, and he urged those in attendance to carry American flags in protest.

[redacted] 8/23/56)

Informant stated that at a recent meeting, date not given, SWIFT spoke in a derogatory nature, about the Jews, Negroes and President EISENHOWER.

[redacted] 6/12/58)

[redacted] SWIFT stated that the white race was the only race, Negroes were not human, and that Jews were Communists.

[redacted] (9/22/58)

Informant advised that at a meeting held recently, date not given, SWIFT stated that Mrs. EISENHOWER, wife of

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President EISENHOWER, was a confirmed drunkard. SWIFT then made disparaging remarks about President EISENHOWER.

[REDACTED] (5/23/63, 7/24/63, 10/16/64)

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At meetings held by SWIFT on May 10, 1963, June 14, 1963, and September 25, 1964, SWIFT made such statements as:

"The enemy devil is running rampant, and I would like the privilege of shooting him in whatever synagogue he shows up in".

"We must defend ourselves against this evil even if we haven't to take up arms and make their blood run in the streets".

"Take our guns away, and you'd be surprised what weapons are left; and what about those guns where there is no record"?

NEWS ITEMS REGARDING SWIFT

"Los Angeles Mirror News"
(1/17/55)

This article states that when GERALD L. K. SMITH is out of town, WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, former organizer of the KKK replaces him. It went on to state that SWIFT spews the hate line with equal vehemence if not with SMITH's elegance.

"Los Angeles Times"
(5/8/62)

This article states that identified as hate groups in the Los Angeles area were the American Nazi Party and the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian conducted by SWIFT and the Christian Nationalist Crusade, led by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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DESCRIPTION

[redacted] 6/11/65)
Records of the Department of
Motor Vehicles, State of
California
Records of the Los Angeles
County Registrar of Voters
(6/21/65)

WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of birth	September 6, 1913
Place of birth	New Jersey
Height	5'7"
Weight	156 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown (wears glasses)
Age	51 years
Address	44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California
Marital Status	Married [redacted]

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (ANPLA)
also known as the American Nazi Party
Western Division (ANPWD)

A source has advised on August 2, 1963, that the American Nazi Party, Los Angeles, California (ANPLA), which branch has also been known as the American Nazi Party, Western Division (ANPWD), came into existence as follows:

In October, 1960, [] was made a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) by the national headquarters of that group as a result of his leading a picket line protesting the marriage of a Negro to a Caucasian. At that time [] told the Los Angeles Police Department he was in complete accord with the thinking of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National ANP leader. He said he, [] is trying to wake up the people to what is going on; that the Jewish-owned press and radio would not let the people know the truth.

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On March 7, 1962, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that [] in Los Angeles.

At a press conference on May 2, 1963, in Los Angeles, California, [] stated he is [] in the ANP and the [] of the organization. He stated he arrived in Los Angeles May 1, 1963, to [] of the party's headquarters in the Los Angeles area, which has control over party activities in the Southwestern United States.

GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL arrived in Los Angeles on May 6, 1963, and was photographed by the local press with [] ROCKWELL was quoted by the press as saying he came to Los Angeles because of the arrest of five members of the ANP as a result of an altercation at the Shrine Auditorium on April 28, 1963, where a Salute to Israel rally was being held. He was also quoted as stating local headquarters were to be established in California.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
OF THE WORLD UNION OF
FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
SOCIALISTS, Also Known As The
George Lincoln Rockwell Party

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963 issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses;" second "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party;" third "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda;" and fourth "the attainment of power through the voters of the newly-won masses."

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
OF THE WORLD UNION OF
FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
SOCIALISTS, Also Known As The
George Lincoln Rockwell Party

On February 17, 1964. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the ANP, advised that George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. [REDACTED] said, however, in his opinion, Rockwell has only completed phase one.

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APPENDIXCHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
aka. Ku Klux Klan

On November 4, 1963, a source advised that the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) held its first meeting at Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. The source stated that Swift explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further advised that while William Potter Gale is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain, Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] of the CKIE in Lancaster, had made plans indicating his intention to burn a television shop operated by a Negro at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California.

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On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at

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Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]

The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Pig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that Gale may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at Gale's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

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CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE

A source advised on August 12, 1959 that the Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC) was organized in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947, and moved its headquarters to Glendale, California, in 1953, where it continues to be located; that from the parent CNC, subsidiary organizations, including the Christian Nationalist Party (of America), have developed; that these organizations all reflect in their literature the imprint of their chief organizer and director GERALD L. K. SMITH, whose basic argument has been that this nation, traditionally Christian, and racially segregated, is threatened by anti-Christian and racially "mongrelizing" forces such as communism and internationalism, all dominantly motivated by international Jewry which controls this country financially and politically; and that these organizations are not membership organizations, but represent followers who contribute to them or subscribe to their literature. Although GERALD L. K. SMITH and his associates are not known to have appealed to illegal action, the tenor of their statements and program is anti-Semitic, as indirectly indicated by the slogan of the Christian Nationalist Party, announced in 1950, which was "One Faith - One Race - One Nation".

"The Cross and The Flag" is the copyrighted monthly official organ of the Christian Nationalist Crusade and Party (National Political Committee), Post Office Box 27895, Los Angeles 27, California, published by GERALD L. K. SMITH and edited by CHARLES F. ROBERTSON at 1200 South Central Avenue, Glendale, California.

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"MINUTEMEN"

The "MINUTEMEN" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri, and [redacted]

Statements by [redacted] and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purposes to be the resistance and exposure of the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of guerilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star Newspaper, has on numerous occasions, carried various articles concerning [redacted] and the "MINUTEMEN" wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades and other firearms.

On January 30, 1964, [redacted] stated the "MINUTEMEN" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition. He said the individual members of the organization maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals".

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party", reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt", announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP".

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN
JACKSONVILLE (UFKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune", Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK was operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

A sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-711

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
June 29, 1965

Title	DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
Character	RACIAL MATTERS, POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT, BOMBING MATTER
Reference	Report of SA dated as above at Los Angeles.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, Los Angeles (157-711)

9/13/68

Director, FBI (100-355454)

DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, aka
Wesley A. Swift
RM - ORGANIZATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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In view of the ever changing racial situation in this country at this time, it is important that we are aware of the activities of individuals and the aims and purposes of all existing white hate groups. In view of the previous activities of Swift, you should reopen this matter and conduct an investigation as set forth in Section 122A, of the Manual of Instructions, as it pertains to individuals. If during the course of this investigation you receive information that Swift is the leader of an organization which warrants investigation under Section 122A, as it pertains to organizations, a separate investigation should be initiated.

During your investigation of Swift, you should remain alert for statements by him which could be violations of the Antiriot Laws.

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NOTE:

The subject is a rabid white racist, who has associated with many national leaders of the right-wing groups in the past. He is the pastor of a church in Hollywood, California, and owns approximately 150 guns. He has associated with leaders of the American Nazi Party, the Minutemen, the United Klans of America, and the National States Rights Party.

We have previously conducted an investigation concerning Swift, and this matter was closed in 1965. In view of his activities, we are instructing Los Angeles to reopen this matter to determine whether Swift fits the criteria for continued investigation under Section 122A, Manual of Instructions.

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TITLE OF CASE DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, aka Wesley Albert Swift		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY jar
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA dated 6/29/65 at Los Angeles.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 9/13/68.
Los Angeles letter to Sacramento 10/31/68 and 12/31/68.
Sacramento letters to Los Angeles dated 12/6/68 and 1/6/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Extra copies are designated for the Bureau in the event dissemination is made by the Bureau. One copy is being furnished to Tampa for information purposes. Tampa has file captioned [redacted] aka; RM; OO: Tampa." Tampa file number is [redacted] Tampa advised in 1964 that [redacted] claimed to be [redacted] of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian (CJCC), comprising 14 southern states and to have been ordained by WESLEY SWIFT, Founder of the Church. [redacted] held numerous meetings in St. Petersburg, Florida area from 1961-1964. Tampa will note that attached report contains information regarding the CJCC.

This report is classified ~~confidential~~ due to data received from [redacted] through [redacted] who are confidential informants of continuing value and their future value might be lost by their disclosure.

During the progress of this investigation, information was not received that the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which is lead by SWIFT, warranted investigation as an organization.

✓ SWIFT is neither on the Security Index or Agitator Index. Based on investigation as reflected in attached report, it is not believed that SWIFT should be included in them. Furthermore, no interview is recommended with SWIFT as there is no indication that he has changed his longstanding extremist views and as there is no indication he would be cooperative.

On 11/21/68, [redacted] advised he was not aware of any statements made by SWIFT which would be in violation of the Anti-Riot Laws. This informant said he was not aware of any activities on the part of SWIFT except for his affiliation with the above mentioned church.

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The pretext interview referred to under Residence
and Employment was made by SA [redacted] to [redacted]
[redacted] posing as [redacted]

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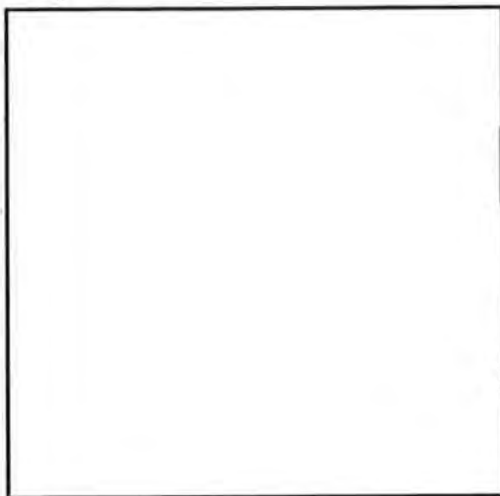
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 5, 1969

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BU 157-355454
Director

United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
RACIAL MATTERS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Re report of SA [redacted] Very truly yours,
[redacted] dated and captioned
as above at Los Angeles.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles (RM)

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Report of:

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Office: Los Angeles, California

Date:

2/5/69

Field Office File #: 157-711

Bureau File #: 157-355454

Title:

DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT resides at 44616 North Fig Avenue, Lancaster, California and is Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian (CJCC). SWIFT holds meetings in Lancaster, and also at a Hollywood Woman's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California. He also holds meetings in San Diego, California and travels to other cities to talk by invitation. In 1965 SWIFT associated with top leaders of the American Nazi Party. Information was received in 1965 that SWIFT had purchased over 100 concealable firearms in the past few years and maintained a firing range on his Kern County, California, ranch. In 1966 SWIFT was "connected" with Minutemen. In 1968 SWIFT's [REDACTED] was identified as a [REDACTED] in Minutemen. The CJCC advocates a "White America". SWIFT REPORTEDLY OWNS FIREARMS AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR USE. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

[] (10/29/63)

The Church of Jesus Christ-Christian (CJCC), Lancaster and WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT have address of Post Office Box 911, Lancaster, California.

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[] (1/8/64)

SWIFT in his capacity as Minister of the CJCC which is operated from his home in Lancaster, has in effect a worldwide distribution of tape recorded sermons. In these sermons SWIFT expresses anti-Semitic and anti-Negro views.

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[] (8/6/65)

SWIFT continues to reside at 44616 North Fig Avenue, in Lancaster and is still Minister of the CJCC.

[] (8/13/65)

SWIFT is in the process of selling his "Caliente" home because the location was known to law enforcement agencies. Recently, however, SWIFT secretly purchased another house in the Caliente area, north of the original place, []

[] This home is to be used as a hideout in case of trouble.

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[] (7/29/66)

Source advised that he had received information in July 1966 that SWIFT had now established a "so-called" church in the city of Riverside, California, named "Church of the New Jerusalem" located at 3645 Locust Street, Riverside. Source advised that meetings are reportedly held on the second or last Tuesday of each month, that from information received anti-Semitic activity takes place.

[] (5/31/66)

As of May 1966 SWIFT was conducting church services in Lancaster on Sunday mornings and conducting them in Hollywood, California on Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons and Sunday evenings.

[] (4/16/68)

SWIFT conducts church services in Hollywood, California on Friday and Sunday night, in San Diego, California on Thursdays and in San Francisco, California on one or two Tuesdays a month.

[] (11/21/68)

Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT continues to reside at 44616 North Fig, Lancaster and is employed as the Chief Pastor of CJCC. SWIFT holds regular Sunday church meetings in Lancaster and also at the Hollywood Woman's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California. He holds weekly meetings in San Diego on Thursday night. The San Diego meetings are reportedly basically religious but have political and racial overtones. SWIFT also travels to other cities to talk by invitation. Informant advised that he was not aware of the extent that SWIFT's church is spread nationally but is of the belief that there is at least one group in Florida.

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Through a suitable pretext interview conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI on February 5, 1969 it was determined that SWIFT continues to reside at 44616 North Flg Avenue, Lancaster and is pastor of the CJCC, Lancaster.

HEALTH

[] (4/1/66)

In March, 1966 SWIFT suffered a stroke of a minor nature. This left his speech slow and slurred, his walk affected and with his mind tending to wander.

[] (5/31/66)

As of May 1966 SWIFT gave the appearance of being in good health.

[] (11/21/68)

SWIFT has been ill but as of November 1968 was apparently in good health and was resuming his regular schedule of events in connection with his church.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

The California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California advised on November 13, 1968 that they had no identification record for Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT.

The following is the FBI identification record dated January 8, 1969 having FBI number 556 688 B. This identification record concerned one WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, identified as being born on September 6, 1913, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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The following FBI record, NUMBER 556 688 B, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SQ Los Angeles Calif	Wesley Albert Swift	appl FP 1-2-42		
PD Los Angeles Calif	Wesley Albert Swift #6-X	appl FP 11-7-45		
PD Los Angeles Calif	Wesley Albert Swift #3-X	appl FP 11-14-45		
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Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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On January 17 and 20, 1969 it was ascertained that there was no identification record for SWIFT at the Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office respectively.

VEHICLES

Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Section of Vehicle Registration, Sacramento, California as of November 22, 1968 reflected that the following vehicles were registered to WESLEY A. SWIFT, 44616 North Fig Avenue, Lancaster:

1968 Dilly having California license FV 8116.

1967 Dodge having California license Q 91720

1966 Jeep having California license SAN 720.

A 1968 Imperial having California license WYF 093 was registered to WESLEY A. SWIFT Ministry, Inc., 44616 North Fig Avenue, Lancaster.

MISCELLANEOUS

Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, California as of December 10, 1968 reflected that WESLEY A. SWIFT is currently registered voter having registered on April 25, 1946 then having residence address of 1252 Fig Avenue, Lancaster and Post Office address of Box 931, Lancaster. He had had an address of "Ave H., Antelope Precinct". His residence address was subsequently changed. His current address appears at 44616 North Fig Avenue, Lancaster. He was identified as a minister born in New Jersey. These records also reflected a current voter named [REDACTED]

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AFFILIATIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
(ANP) (See Appendix)

[] (1/11/65)

SWIFT associates with top leaders of the ANP. He receives frequent visits from GEORGE ROCKWELL (regarding ROCKWELL see appendix under ANP).

[] (10/20/65)

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[] (7/7/67)

Informant advised that as of July 7, 1967 the ANP maintained the name and address of Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, Box 911, Lancaster, California.

AWAKE

[] (1/17/64)

The organization Awake is a front in the overall structure of the Ku Klux Klan. It is a part of CJCC headed by SWIFT. Allegedly Awake is almost identical with the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), also known as Ku Klux Klan (KKK) (See Appendix). Awake is a new group which will carry on the activities of the CKIE.

[] (2/26/64)

Informant advised that Awake has disbanded within the previous two weeks.

CALIFORNIA RANGERS

[] (6/18/65)

The California Rangers were formerly an organization in the Southern California area. The organization was similar to the Minutemen (See Appendix), in that its aims were to have a ready guerilla force in the event of a "Communist takeover".

[] (8/18/63)

Informant advised that in August 1963 he was informed that SWIFT was one of the persons heading the California Rangers.

LOS ANGELES TIMES
Los Angeles, California,
a newspaper, (4/13/65)

The above issue contained an article setting forth a report from California Attorney General THOMAS LYNCH to members of the California legislature concerning para-military organizations which posed a threat to the peace and security of California. The report details the association between the National States Rights Party (NSRP) (See Appendix) and the Reverend WESLEY SWIFT, head of a chain of churches called CJCC. One link between the two was named as [] [] for the NSRP and for many years a preacher in SWIFT's churches.

The report also reflects that the California Rangers is a sort of militant arm for the "church members" and the Christian Defense League (CDL). The report stated that it has been reported that the politically oriented CDL and the religious CJCC serve secondary functions of providing a screening process for militant-minded members of both to be graduated to the Rangers. The report said the Rangers purpose was to build an underground network for the conducting of guerilla warfare. The training program of the Rangers was said to encompass all the different activities which a guerilla force would be called upon to undertake.

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SWIFT, identified in 1945 as a KKK organizer, is said in the report to have been instrumental in organizing organizations including the California Rangers.

Of SWIFT, the report adds: "..... it should be noted he has purchased over 100 concealable firearms in the past few years. Moreover, he maintains a firing range on his Kern County, California ranch, as well as a reported secret arsenal.

 (2/12/64)

Informant advised that the CDL is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)
(See Appendix)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) (See Appendix)

(11/15/63)

The overall structure of the KKK includes three "fronts" one being the CJCC. Faithful members of CJCC are chosen as recruits for additional activities within the KKK structure.

 (8/8/66)

of the KKK in the Los Angeles area.

 (10/12/66)

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[redacted] (4/16/68)

SWIFT was visited in March 1968 in Lancaster by one [redacted] "racist" from an unknown Southern state. [redacted] reportedly a member of the "White Knights of the KKK", reportedly attempted to form a coalition between SWIFT's church group and the Klan.

[redacted] (7/2/68)

[redacted] had contacted SWIFT in Lancaster seeking the latter's support, but was unsuccessful as SWIFT considered [redacted] "too militant".

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LOS ANGELES TIMES
Los Angeles, California,
a newspaper (11/14/68)

An article advised that [redacted]
a self-proclaimed KKK guerrilla fighter, would be arraigned November
15, 1968 in Meridian, Mississippi, on charges of attempting to
bomb a Jewish businessman's home, and three counts of murder.

MINUTEMEN
(See Appendix)

[redacted] (2/15/66)

Persons "connected" with Minutemen include WESLEY
ALBERT SWIFT, 44616 North Fig Avenue, Lancaster. [redacted]

[redacted] (5/12/66)

[redacted]
[redacted] His close associates
included SWIFT.

[redacted] (8/22/66)

[redacted]
[redacted] had in his possession, names and addresses for
many individuals, including Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, 44616 North
Fig Avenue, Lancaster, telephone number WH 2-0131.

On April 3, 1967, Detective Sergeant [redacted]
West Palm Beach, Florida Police Department, advised that a
[redacted] was arrested by the Department on
April 2, 1967 for carrying a concealed weapon. Sergeant
[redacted] said that when she was questioned she admitted formerly
being employed as [redacted] She had an
address book in her possession which included the name of
Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT with the address being 44616 North Fig
Avenue, Lancaster, California, telephone number Whitehall 2-0131.

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[redacted] (7/2/68)

[redacted]
[redacted] SWIFT, head of the
CJCC, Lancaster, an anti-Jewish and anti-Negro religion.

STATEMENTS BY SWIFT

[redacted] (2/14/66)

[redacted] (1/24/68)

One Reverend SWIFT of California makes tapes of recorded religious messages. These messages are pro-segregation and anti-Semitic in nature. Informant advised it was indicated that Reverend SWIFT was convinced that the "Klan" was the only group that could save the country from ultimate domination by the Communists.

[redacted] (9/2/66)

Source advised that SWIFT, in one of his lectures, advised all patriots to distrust Jews or persons with any Jewish blood in them.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOS ANGELES TIMES
Los Angeles, California,
A newspaper (5/8/62)

Investigation by the State Attorney General of "hate groups" active in this area was urged Monday by the County Commission on Human Relations. Identified among the "hate groups" was the CJCC conducted by SWIFT.

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The Commission was told that the CJCC meeting on North La Brea Avenue, castigated Jews and Negroes and preaches the maintenance of a "white Christian autocracy."

13th Report

Un-American Activities in California, 1965

A report of the Senate Fact Finding
Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities
published by the Senate of the State of
California, Page 164

Statements were made at a meeting on October 15, 1963 in Whittier, California, that [redacted] in California was also a member of CJCC headed by SWIFT and that there was close collaboration between the church, the NSRP, the KKK, and the Minutemen. The discussion of the meeting of October 15, 1963 was anti-Negro and anti-Semitic.

"HERITAGE-SOUTHWEST JEWISH PRESS"
a Los Angeles weekly newspaper
(6/24/65)

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An article referred to "WESLEY (Shifty Legs) SWIFT" who has engaged in anti-Semitic activities in California. The article indicated that it has been suspected SWIFT might have a connection with Minutemen and that the area in back of SWIFT's ranch house had had recent use as a target range. SWIFT's ranch was said to bear a replica of a black eagle, reminiscent of the German standard in pre-Hitler days.

[redacted] (8/1/65)

[redacted]

[redacted] (1/10/66)

SWIFT's group met on January 7, 1966, in the Hollywood Woman's Club building, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles. A man named [redacted] "from the South" was among those present and was introduced by SWIFT.

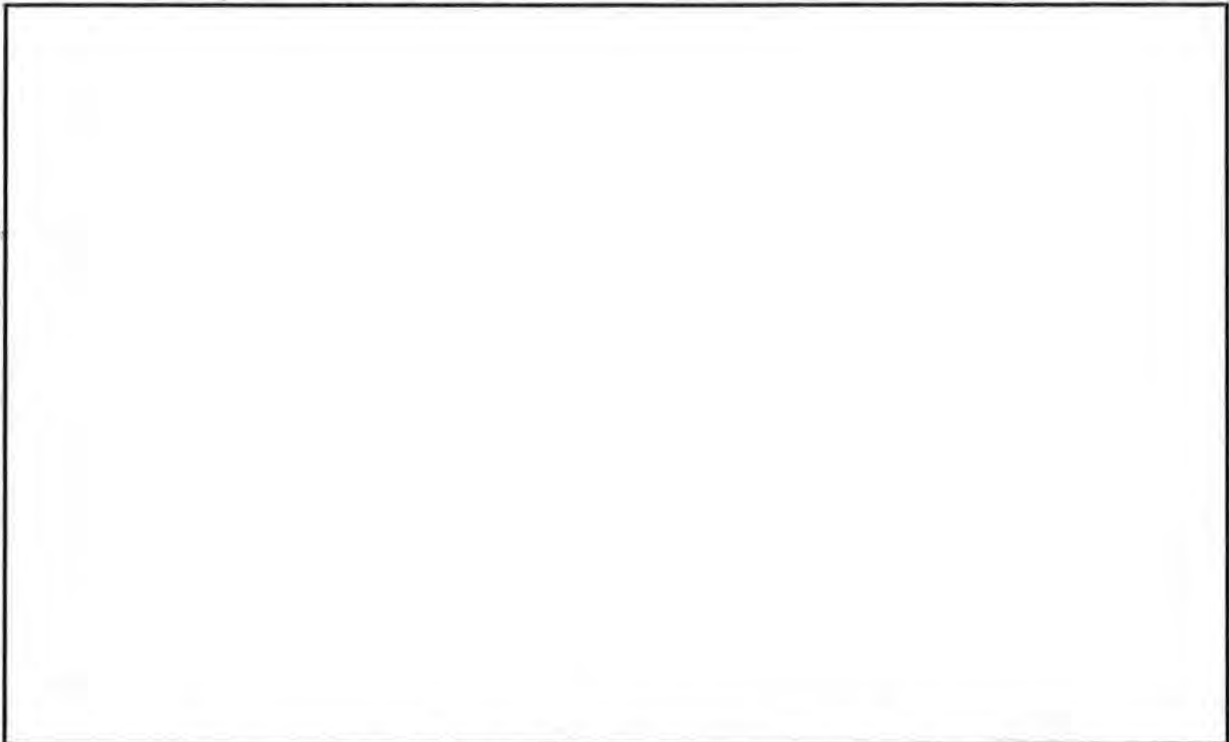
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[redacted] (9/20/67)

[redacted] for the NSRP
and travels throughout the United States on behalf of that
organization.

[redacted] (1/24/66)



Informant advised that SWIFT's CJCC advocated a
"White America".

[redacted] (5/19/67)

Source, whose reliability is unknown, advised that
SWIFT allegedly was a minister of some "offbeat" church in the
Lancaster and Palmdale, California area and that SWIFT allegedly
was assembling an arsenal of weapons in different locations.

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[redacted] (4/30/68)

The CJCC is national in scope with headquarters in Lancaster. SWIFT is the head of the church and was [redacted]. This church maintains that the Jews are not the true Israelites and that the true Israelites are descendents from the 12 Lost Tribes and are Western European in origin. The church further believes the Jews have used Christ to further their own ends and use the Negroes, a sub-human culture, as their "lackeys". According to this religion "Jewism" is communism, and therefore, to fight communism, you fight the Jews and the Negroes."

DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, and from the FBI Identification record:

Name	WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
Address	44616 North Fig Avenue Lancaster, California
Date of Birth	September 6, 1913
Place of Birth	Jersey City, New Jersey
Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"
Weight	154 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married
California Driver's License	Z 637 126
Scars and Marks	Scar on left thumb

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
(ANPLA), Also Known As The
American Nazi Party
Western Division (ANPWD)

A source advised on August 2, 1966, that the American Nazi Party, Los Angeles, California (ANPLA), which branch has also been known as the American Nazi Party, Western Division (ANPWD), maintains its headquarters at 4375 North Peck Road, El Monte, California, and that [REDACTED]
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At a press conference on May 2, 1963, in Los Angeles, California, [REDACTED] stated he was at that time a [REDACTED] in the ANP and [REDACTED] of the organization. He stated he arrived in Los Angeles May 1, 1963, to [REDACTED] in the Los Angeles area, which has control over party activities in the Southwestern United States.

The late GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, self-styled national commander of the ANP, arrived in Los Angeles on May 6, 1963, and was photographed by the local press with [REDACTED]

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APPENDIXCALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)

Source one advised that in late August, 1966, large amounts of literature were dispensed in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, advertising the "Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan, a California Committee", and containing Post Office Box 312, La Crescenta, California, and the name of [redacted] of the CKKKK. Also distributed was an announcement that a rally of the CKKKK and a "gigantic cross burning" would be held on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California.

A second source advised that the CKKKK has attempted to hold two rallies, one on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California, the other in an open field at San Bernardino, California, on November 19, 1966. The first rally attracted approximately 200 persons, half of this number being members of the news media. This rally came to an abrupt halt as the road into the rally was closed in the interest of public safety. The second rally, which attracted about 70 persons, never got started as [redacted] was arrested for holding a meeting without a permit. b6 b7C

A third and fourth source advised that on February 19, 1967, a meeting of the CKKKK was held at Los Angeles, California, at which time several persons were initiated into the CKKKK. These sources advised that this klan group was told by [redacted] that the CKKKK was affiliated with Georgia's National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard. The CKKKK is not incorporated in the State of California.

These sources advised that the CKKKK promotes white supremacy, calling America a "white man's country", the segregation of the races, and is anti-Jewish.

The day-to-day operations of the CKKKK are handled by [redacted]

[redacted] CKKKK, from his residence at [redacted]
[redacted]

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CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
aka. Ku Klux Klan

On [redacted]
organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible
Empire (CKIE) [redacted]

[redacted] The source stated that the meeting was
presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately
[redacted] were inducted. The source stated that
Swift explained to those present that the organization was
actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded
as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights
of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objec-
tives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution
of the United States and the white race and to fight communism.
Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white
hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round
blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged
to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further advised that while William Potter
Gale is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley
Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain,
Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that
[redacted] of the CKIE in
[redacted] had made plans indicating his intention to burn
a television shop operated by a Negro at Quartz Hill
(Lancaster), California.

On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised
that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this
Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at

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Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]

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The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that Gale may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at Gale's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

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APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. [redacted]
[redacted]

Membership of the "Minutemen" is claimed by [redacted] to be in excess of 35,000 members; however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated and that a more true estimate would be between 500 and 1,000 members. Statements by [redacted] and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; to resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

In April, 1966, [redacted] stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies: one group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. National conventions of the Patriotic Party were held in July, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri, and July, 1967, at Kansas City, Kansas.

Members of the "Minutemen" organization, including [redacted] and his close associate, [redacted] have been arrested in the past on charges of violation of the Federal Firearms Act, Bank Robbery - Conspiracy, Illegal Possession of Firearms and Conspiracy to Commit Arson. They have also engaged in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics wherein machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms were employed.

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APPENDIXNATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963, in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard.

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APPENDIXNATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
(NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 19, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party". According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals".

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank-and-file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

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Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that [redacted]
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is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

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reflects [redacted] Issue No. 100, dated April, 1968, of "The Thunderbolt",
NSRP [redacted] of the [redacted] of "The Thunderbolt".

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking
Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
February 5, 1969

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Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
dated and captioned as above at
Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Except [redacted] with whom insufficient contact has been maintained to ascertain reliability.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-355454)

) DATE: 2/4/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

(157-711) (P)

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY SWIFT, aka
RMSOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
☐ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/4/69.

Reason for the delinquency: Corrections in report necessary.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 8-11-98 BY SP7C/BL

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Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 2/10/69.

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.1-Bureau (RM)
1-Los Angeles
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tavel

FROM :

SUBJECT: DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
RM

DATE: 6/28/71

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Mr. Beaver	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 100-355454-34

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

OTB: SWS

☒ Retain☐ Destroy☐ Other Disposition _____

Reason for Decision

For identification and records purposes until 1972.

Signature of Reviewing Supervisor

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